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"Middlesex House"  
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"MIDDLESEX HOUSE"  
THREE PEQUOSSETTE ROAD  
BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS

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THE

ILLUSTRATED

DIARY

OF

JAY R. BENTON

FOR

JULY

1944

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Newfoundland  
Sat. P.M.

July 1, 1944

Dear Mom + Dad,

Feel a bit more "homesick"  
than usual tonight since  
Jeanne and I were married  
just three months ago.

Life here is about the same  
as it was at the last time.  
We did get a chance to go  
swimming at a nearby lake  
the other day. It reminded me  
a lot of Maidstone - very  
pretty country.

Prices at the PX are very  
low here. Cigarettes sell for



thirty five cents a carton. The  
money situation is odd, half  
American and half Canadian.

There is a bar in the  
Officers club selling drinks at  
25¢ per but the damn thing  
never seems to be open.

Sort of wondering if Temme  
could be with you this weekend  
It certainly will be a relief  
to be able to get mail from  
you again. Don't go for this  
incommunicado stuff at  
all.

Take care of yourselves  
and write often. much love,  
Dave









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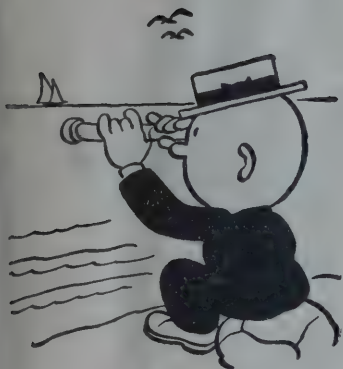
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# Pertinent Personals

By Karl P. Lipschitz



two Florida hostilities; and hello again to Newton Smith of Boston's Sheraton who succeeds him at the Plaza.

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**HOUSEPAINTERS** . . . local, please note: Lou Hannum, president of Whittemore Bros. and faithful Sales Managers Club member was seen by a newspaper cameraman in company with some fellow Oakley Club members dolling up the club property with paint and stuff. And that for your manpower shortage.

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**WORKER** . . . is Judge Jacob Kaplan, newly elected head of Associated Jewish Philanthropies. His service at the Chamber goes way back, includes four committees, chairmanship of two of them, a term on the directorate and service on our realty trust.

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**"ANTI** . . . Sour Puss" Club of Syracuse, N. Y., is organized for just the purpose you might suspect. Jay Benton, president of Boston Mutual Life, is principal local member and the roster includes some other pretty nice people, not the least of whom is Governor Edge of New Jersey.

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**THIRTY** . . . years a bank president is the tough-to-tie record of Seward W. Jones, proxy of the half-century old Newton Trust Company.

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**BETTER** . . . get on your horse if you want to join the 1000-Hour Club, newly formed outfit that will consider taking in anybody who has that many hours to his credit in civilian defense work. Western Union's Henry Verry is president of this unique and exclusive aggregation.

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**YOUNGEST** . . . Chamber member ever, we think, was Major Leonard Peters who was just 21 when he applied at 80 Federal St. Manager of Peters Employment Service pre-war, he gained his Army majority the hard way; was reported to have been in the

Normandy invasion van used. Leonard has also been a member of the Jr. Executives Club concerned with his Chamber membership.

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**ORCHID** . . . for florist, the one who, always sees to it that the Chamber's directors are properly notified for board meetings. He provides boutonnières for all lovels in good and simple taste as you might expect.

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**SALUTE** . . . Brig. General John DeWitt, Jr., new Commandant of the Boston Port of Embarkation, who comes here from New York. His predecessor, Brig.-General C. H. Kelly, who made plenty of friends for himself, has taken over command of the San Francisco P.O.E. Generals run in the DeWitt family: two older brothers made it, too.

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**ARE** . . . they still playing that game? Anyway a heigh-ho to Parran ("Pete")



Jarboe, Framingham devotee, who just captured the New England Senior Golf title at Woodland with a very respectable score.

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**HOPE** . . . he's photogenic because Paul Swaffield as new Ad Club president, can expect to be "mugged" frequently from now on. Paul is Hood Rubber's advertising manager — and here's good luck to him.

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**BLAME** . . . us, if you want to, but Karl M. Sayles, genial president of National Dairy's Deerfoot Farms at Southborough, has resigned to go to N. D.'s General Ice Cream sales training department—which has a future in front of it. Karl's bosses scouted him at our own Sales Manager's Club sponsored postwar personnel training program recently where he played an important part well. First stop Schenectady (and, incidentally, it's a combination business and honeymoon, so congratulate him twice.)

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**CLASS** . . . will tell. Once more president of the Women's City Club is Alice Dixon Bond, literary editor and book reviewer extraordinaire of the "Herald."



**NEBRASKA'S** . . . Senator Wherry is responsible for the printing in the appendix of the "Congressional Record," the talk delivered by Senator Sinclair Weeks at the Chamber-sponsored research-Day-in-Boston luncheon entitled "How Shall We Pay for the Peace?" You can get copies from the Government Printing Office in Washington if you missed it, or even if you didn't.

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**BOSTONIAN** . . . for last month, the way we see it, is Lt. Col. Waldo Kennerly, U.S.A., the lad who built those China air bases which made possible the bombing of Tokyo and Yokohama on Flag Day. A total of 430,000 farmers built the fields by hand—and not a single strike reported!

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**BROTHERHOOD** . . . brothers newly elected: Howard L. Mann of Spark, Mann & Co. to the presidency of the Mass. Society of Certified Public Accountants; Dr. Elmer Bognall to the name of the Mass. Medical Society; and John W. Stokes of Thompson's Spa gain to the drivers seat of the Mass. Restaurant Association.

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**ALMOST** . . . dusty" is how the Montana Highway Commission signs describe road conditions in some sections according to historian Bernard DeVoto (Utah born but Cambridge adopted) which makes us shake our heads sympathetically again for the little boy who almost got a letter.

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**REVOLVER** . . . to Chauncey Depew Steele who leaves off the Copley-Plaza management to take over the helm of





## BOSTON MUTUAL GAINS IN '44

The Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company's increase of \$5,547,461 insurance in force for the first six months of 1944 approximates two-thirds of the gain for all of 1943. On this basis, President Jay R. Benton forecasts a record year.

Another factor indicative of progress is the increase of 12,207 policyholders, making a total of 364,264, with \$125,330,449 total insurance in force June 30th.

During the half year period, income exceeded disbursements by \$1,043,841. Payments to policyholders and beneficiaries for the first six months amounted to \$963,728; total since organization, \$39,377,763.

President Benton believes that the increase in policyholders is particularly significant of the confidence New Englanders have in the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company, because the insurance investments have been made in addition to large purchases of War Stamps and Bonds. It is also further evidence of the thrift for which this section is noted, inasmuch as insurance is the most practical way to provide protection and augment social security.

The company's policy of participating strongly in America's war effort has been continued, with \$14,949,741 of \$17,190,662 investments in stocks and bonds now in U. S. Government Bonds.

In commenting on the situation arising from the number of employees in the armed forces, President Benton said, "The progress made by the smaller field force and home office staff is a tribute to the spirit of service and cooperation throughout the organization."





# CITY CLUB GOES OUT OF BUSINESS

## Faces Insolvency From Lack of Income

Faced with insolvency, the once wealthy Boston City Club became a "ghost" institution last night when it released some 60 veteran employees to seek other jobs, suspended all services, and settled down in gloomy silence to await the calling of a meeting of its some 1300 members on July 10 when definite action will be taken to solve its ultimate fate.

JULY 1, 1944

### MEMBERSHIP SHRUNK TO 1300

Once boasting 7800 members, the membership of the 33-year-old club was reported to have shrunk to 1300 last night, and a bulletin posted by the board of governors in the club lobby declared that "there is no immediate means afforded to raise money to continue operations which will equal the cost of keeping the club open even upon a curtailed budget and with reduced personnel."

There were many touching scenes yesterday as old-time members took home their favorite billiard cues or other prized possessions and prepared to leave forever.

A few stout-hearted ones held impromptu conferences in the library and several groups declared that there is still hope that the club may be saved, although most were willing to concede that it will be necessary to give up the 12-story building with its luxurious penthouse on top, even though the institution may carry on in smaller quarters.

The immediate cause of financial trouble is the loss of revenue from 350 WACS, which originally totalled \$85,000 a year for use of part of the club. The number has now dwindled to 60 and the income has decreased correspondingly.

The board of governors in outlining the financial plight to the members said: "We are reluctant and unwilling to accept donations or gifts from any loyal group of members or individual members knowing that the sums so received will be expended without giving more than a temporary relief at a tremendous cost to the donors."

"We believe it is not fair to our faithful employees to longer delude them with the idea of permanent employment or that there is a way out of our present financial position; that kindness demands that they be acquainted with the facts and dismissed, thereby affording them, in what is now a favorable labor market, to procure employment elsewhere."

"With our present paid-up membership in the region of 1000 and annual dues at \$60, it is impossible to carry this large building. Every effort has been made to let space without success and we do not have the capital to permit refurbishing rooms and try to rent them for what, at best, would be a conjectural profit."

"Your board of governors believes that the Boston City Club as a civic institution can be and will be continued here or elsewhere in small quarters with a substantially reduced overhead and that the loyal membership would accept such a change and welcome a fresh start on a sound financial basis."

"We therefore, are discontinuing all activities and departments of the club as of July 1, 1944, as authorized by the membership."

"We recommend that a programme be established and financed to either reopen in this building or elsewhere; that our employees be dismissed and that the manager, officers and members endeavor to aid those who desire to procure other employment; that the members appoint a committee to assist the officers in rearranging the affairs of the club; that this committee meet from time to time during the summer months with a view to finding quarters in the fall; that this report and these recommendations together with a copy of the vote thereon be sent to all members at once."

Originally located at the corner of Beacon and Somerset streets in what was the Lawyers building, the cornerstone for the present building at the corner of Somerset street and Ashburton place was laid in 1913.





# COOLER IN HUB TODAY PREDICTED

No Rain Believed in  
Sight Until Late  
Tuesday

Slightly cooler and less humid weather today for Greater Boston was promised by the United States Weather Bureau last night as three more deaths were added to the toll of the hot spell, which found the official temperature rising to 82 degrees here yesterday, a welcome 13 points below Thursday's high of 95.

Saturday, July, 1st 1944  
Slept late until after six when Frances came down for a snuggle -  
Jane brought up my breakfast at 8.30 -  
Orange juice - Raisins - fried eggs + Bacon - Toast -  
Red Coffee. Worked on my diary to 10. Then up - Working all morning. Trained the vines over the Rose Arch, the Wisteria and the Dutchman's Pipe. Cutoff a protruding limb on the small elm tree by the pergola -  
Watered the flower boxes - wound the clocks - hunch on the front porch -  
Rested all afternoon. Then put in the ash barrels - Nicholas arrived from Exeter at 6.30. For dinner -  
Scotch Ham + fried Egg - Peas - Toasted English Muffin - Salad - Milk - Sliced Bananas.  
Mary and Nicholas went to the movies.  
This was a beautiful day weatherwise.



# PETER COMES HOME ON TURLOUGH!

Sunday, July 2nd 1944

Early today I put the new flag  
out on the front of the house!

Jay See, a Sergeant in the United  
States Marines is coming to town!

Woke up at 5.30 so read Back Papers

The Sunday papers arrived very early -  
Jane brought up my breakfast at 8.30 -

Orange juice - corn flakes - Fried eggs -

Scotch Ham. Toasted English Muffins -

iced Coffee - Up and over to see Mother

at 11 Oak Green at noon -

Back to the house for Dinner Broilers -

Nicholas started back for Peter at 4.30

I kept looking starting at noon for

Peter's arrival - At 8. The call

from the South Station - And at

8.20 drove up to the house -

Jay was plummy - he looked grand -

his bubbling spirits unquenchable -

Frances, Peter and I sat for

hours on the front porch -

This was indeed a happy day -

Newfoundland  
Mon. July 3

Dear Mom + Dad,

I wonder if today  
is a holiday for you,  
and just how Belmont  
plans to celebrate the  
fourth this year. No  
picnics, I suppose, for  
the duration.

Expect to be getting  
some mail soon. I'm  
looking forward to that  
more than anything  
else.

I imagine there  
will be some delay  
in my mail to you





Mr. + Mrs. Jay R. Benton

when I leave this place  
but once I get within  
it destination it must  
come through regularly.  
All the way to  
great gain, all out  
to win the war and  
get back home as  
soon as possible.

What are Tim's +  
Pete's addresses now?

and what are Dick's  
plans. I think an hour  
or many college set-ups  
is his first best.

Write often - love to all,  
D. M. C.





PETER

#1

to lunch

Monday

July 3, 1944

# Café Royal

*Hotel Touraine  
Boston*





# Luncheon

## Appetizers

Small Shrimp Cocktail 55, Large .....	.75	Seafood Cocktail .....	
Lobster Cocktail .....	1.10	Fruit Cocktail .....	
Little Neck Clam Cocktail .....	.50	Cherrystone Clams .....	
Cranberry Juice Cocktail .....	.25	Ripe or Green Olives .....	
Celery .....	.40	Tomato Juice .....	
Apple Juice .....	.15	V-8 Cocktail .....	



## Soups

Lamb Broth Vegetarian .....	Cup 25	Clam Broth (Hot or Cold) .....	Cup
Essence of Tomato Rosa .....	Cup 20	Strained Gumbo (Hot or Cold) .....	Cup
Beef or Chicken Bouillon (Hot or Cold) .....	Cup 20	Consomme Alphabete .....	Cup
Onion Soup with Crouton, Parmesan Cheese....	Cup 25		

(Served in Tureen — 10c Extra)

## TO-DAY'S SPECIALS

(Served from 11:30 A. M. to 5:30 P. M.)

- 1 Lobster Balls, Curry Sauce, Steamed Rice, Peas 85
- 2 Mutton Chop, Breaded with Spaghetti, Cheese, Tomato Sauce 85
- 3 Shirred Eggs, Bercy Sausage, Plain Spinach, Tomato Sauce 85
- 4 Fried Soft Shell Crab, Tartar Sauce, French Fried Potato, Victory Salad 1.00
- 5 Roast Chicken, Braised Celery, French Fried Potato 1.10
- 6 Boiled Salmon, Fleurette Sauce, New Peas, Boiled Potato 1.10
- 7 American Pot Roast, Baked Macaroni, Cheese, New Lima Beans 95
- 8 Broiled Boston Schrod, Lemon Butter, Gratin Potato, Victory Salad 1.10
- 9 Calf's Liver, Saute with Bacon, Mashed Potato, French Fried Onion 1. 10
- 10 Cream of Capon, on Toast, French Fried Potato, New Peas 95
- 11 Open Chicken Salad Sandwich, Pickles, Tomato, Onion Ring 85

Roll  
Coffee

Rye Bread

Tea

Whole Wheat Bread  
Milk

(Owing to butter shortage, only one (1) piece to a person.)



## COOKED TO ORDER

- 12 Broiled Live Chicken Lobster, Melted Butter, French Fried Potato, Tomato Salad 1.10; Large Lobster 1.60
- 13 Noisette of Loin of Pork, Asparagus Tips, French Fried Potato (15 Minutes) 1.10
- 14 Half Spring Chicken, Grilled on Toast, New Lima Beans, French Fried Potato (18 Minutes) 1.35
- 15 Virginia Ham Glace with Spinach, Parisienne Potato (10 Minutes) 1.50
- 16 Baked Half Lobster Thermidor, French Fried Potato (15 Minutes) 1.60
- 17 Rump Steak, Grilled Cafe Royal, New Lima Beans, Gratin Potato (15 Minutes) 1.70

Roll  
Coffee

Rye Bread

Tea

Whole Wheat Bread  
Milk



All prices listed are our ceiling prices unless otherwise indicated, in which case they are below ceiling price. OPA regulation, our ceilings are our highest prices from April 4th to April 10th, 1943. Records of these prices available for your inspection.

Since Guests are not paged in this Dining Room, those expecting calls are requested to give their names to the hostess.

Try Your Favorite Drinks Made With

## LORD CALVERT

Manhattan 45

Whiskey Sour 55

Old Fashioned 55

Ward Eight 55

### SUMMER SUGGESTIONS

- 18 Assorted Cold Meat Plate, Potato Salad 1.00  
19 Scrambled Eggs on Toast, New Asparagus, French Fried Potato 85  
20 Lobster Salad Plate, Mayonnaise, Egg, Tomato, Onion Ring 1.60  
21 Stuffed Tomato with Tuna-fish, Russian Dressing, Cole Slaw 95  
22 Fresh Asparagus on Lettuce, Boiled Egg, Tomato, French Dressing 85  
23 Lobster Newburg on Pattie Shell, New Peas, French Fried Potato 1.00  
24 Chef's Salad Bowl, Mixed Green, Sardine, Tomato, Onion Ring, Olives 95

(Served in Room 20 Cents Additional)

Roll  
Coffee

Rye Bread

Tea

Whole Wheat Bread  
Milk

#### Salads

(Served with Roll)

Chef's Salad Bowl .....	.90	Asparagus Tips, Sliced Egg, Tomato .....	.90
Hearts of Lettuce .....	.40	Fresh Fruit Salad .....	.85
Sliced Tomatoes .....	.40	Romaine .....	.45

DRESSINGS: Thousand Island 15, Russian Bleu Cheese 25

#### Sandwiches

Tongue .....	.50	American Cheese .....	.30
Sardine .....	.50	Ham and Swiss Cheese .....	.55
Lettuce .....	.35	Chicken .....	.65
Ham .....	.45	Egg .....	.35

#### Desserts

Apple Pie .....	.20	Blueberry Pie .....	.20
Boston Cream Pie .....	.20	French Pastry .....	.10
Fruit Jelly .....	.15	Strawberry Tart .....	.15
Rice Custard Pudding with Cream .....	.15	Fresh Strawberries and Cream .....	.35
Watermelon .....	.30	Fresh Stewed Rhubarb .....	.20
Cantaloupe .....	.30	Strawberry Shortcake .....	.35
Blueberries and Cream .....	.35	Chocolate Fudge Brownie .....	.15

#### Cheese

American .....	.15	Swiss .....	.35
Liederkranz .....	.25	Camembert .....	.35
Swiss Gruyere .....	.35	Cream Cheese 20, with Jelly .....	.25
Bleu Cheese .....	.25		

#### Ice Cream and Sherbets

Lemon Sherbet .....	.15	Vanilla .....	.15
Orange Sherbet .....	.15	Chocolate .....	.15
Raspberry Sherbet .....	.15	Strawberry .....	.15
Frozen Pudding .....	.15	Coffee .....	.15
Black Raspberry Ice Cream .....	.15	Butterscotch Walnut Ice Cream .....	.15

#### Beverages

Coffee with Cream .....	.10	Cocoa or Chocolate .....	.20
Instant Postum .....	.25	Sanka Coffee .....	.25
Milk .....	.10	Buttermilk .....	.10
Tea .....	.10	Demi Tasse .....	.10

Monday, July 3, 1944

Massachusetts Old Age Tax 5%





Monday, July 3rd 1944

The regular routine - breakfast  
and today - orange juice - Ralston's -  
Hamburg fatty - Fried egg - Toast - iced  
Coffee. To the Square with Frances  
and giving Mrs. Hibby a lift - Sullivan  
Office - then out shopping - Woolworth's  
for diary binder - small batteries - to  
Branfield St. for a birthday card for  
Peter and to Harris for a 625 film -  
Office - at 12.45 came Peter and took  
him to lunch at the Cafe Royale at  
the Hotel Touraine - Everett came with us.  
Peter - Broiled live lobster, Melted Butter, <sup>1/2</sup> ~~tea~~  
French Fried Potatoes, Tomato Salad, Lemon  
Gherkin. Cold Breaded Mutton Chop.  
Spaghetti with Cheese, Tomato Sauce, Iced  
Coffee, Plums. On the way back to the office  
to Woolworth's for Ant Killer & Rose Sugar. I say.  
Let the House Office Staff go at 3. Peter &  
I left with Mr. Moody at 3.15 -  
Parkers by the old South Church -  
A stop at Griffins - Home. The Front  
Porch. Special Dinner. For eight  
Fourth of July Salmon and Beans -  
to bed early -







THE LIBERATOR





July 4, '44

Dear Mom + Dad,

Have just arrived  
in Northern Ireland. The  
trip wasn't too bad but  
we all are dead tired  
tonight.

This is very pretty  
country. A bit like New  
England. I bet Kathleen +  
Tara are a bit envious  
of me now even tho' I  
am a bit far north  
for them.

Will try to cable you  
when I reach final  
destination.

Love to all,  
Dad





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CT-195  
Yonk, N.Y.

Rec Tues  
July 11.



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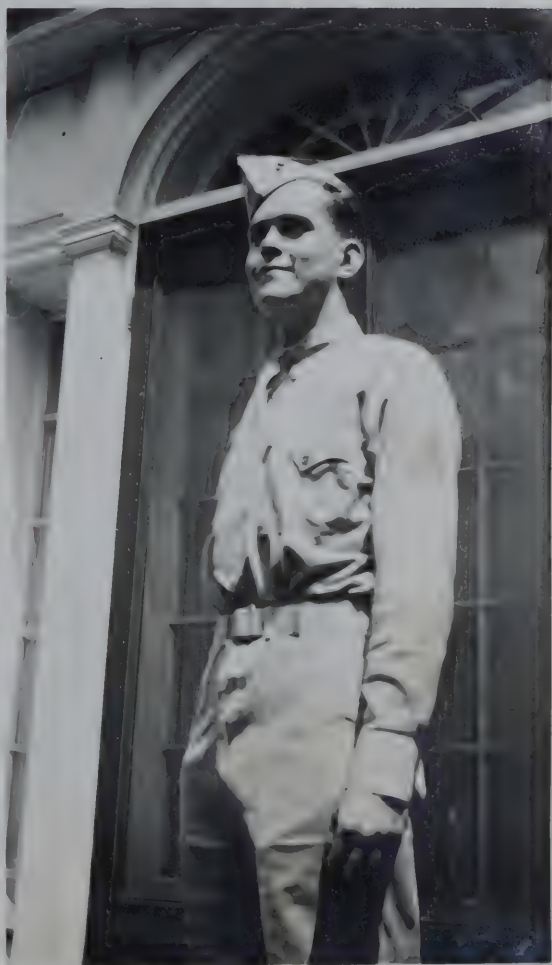
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PETER  
UPON  
His  
NINETEENTH  
BIRTHDAY  
JULY 4, 1944  
HOME  
ON  
Furlough.







SERGEANT PETER BENTON  
OF THE UNITED STATES MARINES  
HOME ON FURLOUGH  
ON HIS NINETEENTH BIRTHDAY  
JULY 4, 1947







JULY 4, 1944







July 4, 1944





July 4, 1944





Raising the first American flag on an American Man-of-War, the "Alfred", Philadelphia, 1775\*



# CITIZENS OF COPENHAGEN SHOW THEIR HATRED FOR THE GERMANS

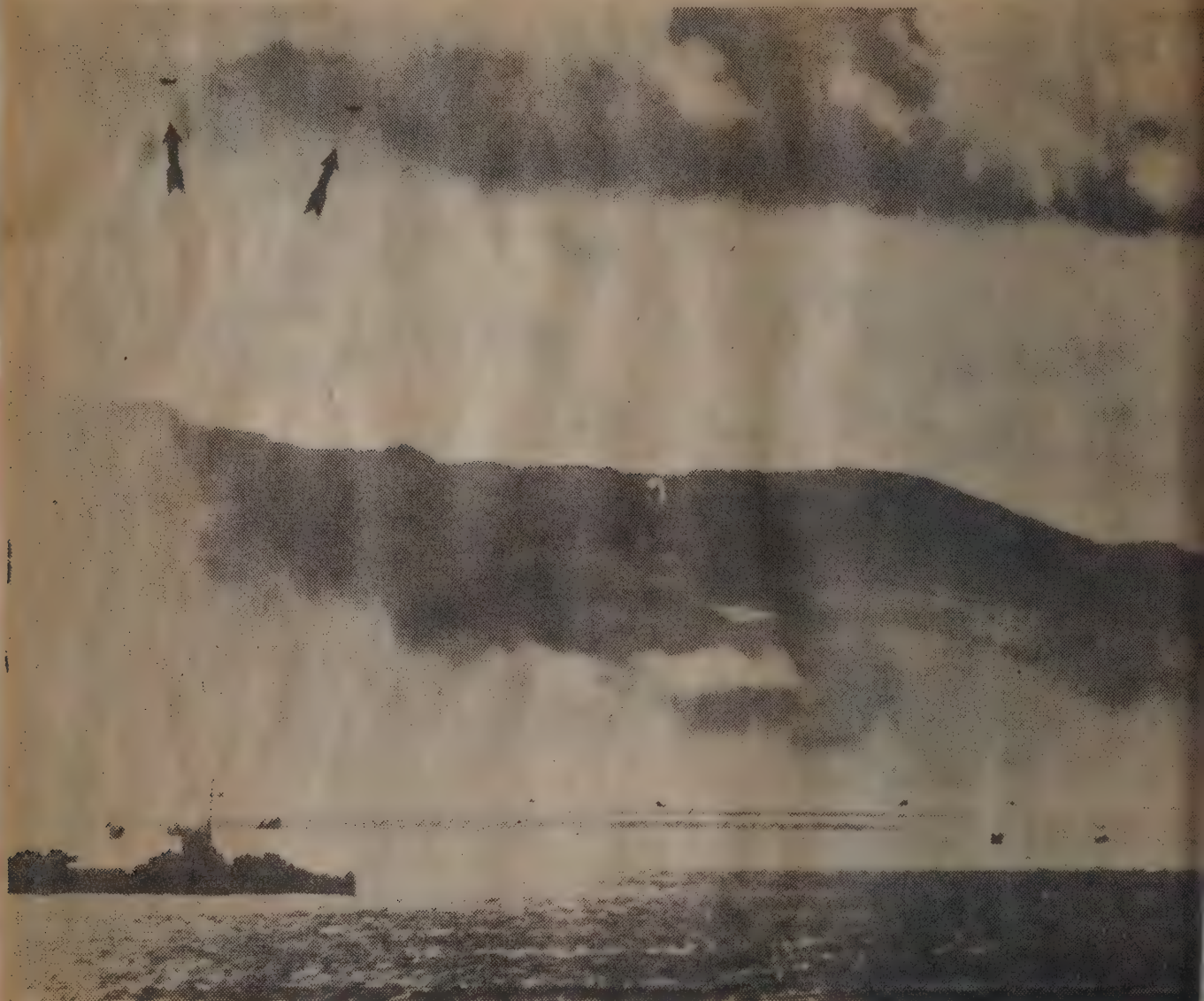


Accompanying this picture, sent here yesterday from Stockholm, described it as showing a "department store burning in the city as demonstrators block streets to prevent a fire brigade from reaching the scene."

Associated Press Radiophoto



CLEARING THE SKIES OF THE ENEMY IN THE BATTLE FOR SAIPAN



A burning Japanese fighter plane (arrow, right) plunges toward the sea as American landing craft hit the beach. Two carrier-based bombers (arrows, left) fly above the invading forces.

Associated Press Wire



THE FORO MUSSOLINI IS NOW A REST CENTER FOR FIFTH ARMY



Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark (left) leaving the stadium in the Rome area after its dedication for the use of the Allies. With him is Col. Chaney L. Bertholf, a staff officer.

The New York Times (U. S. Signal Corps)



# AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVED IN LIBERATED ROME



The Stars and Stripes being raised in Venice Square



The first train to arrive in the city since it was taken from the Germans. It came from Naples and Cassino.



# PETER'S NINETEENTH BIRTHDAY!

Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> 1944  
Peter's Nineteenth Birthday!!!  
Fourth of July. How appropriate!  
Did not wake up until 6.30. Read  
papers - many, at 7.40 to Raytheon  
despite the holiday - and also John  
to Fort Banks at 10. Fine housewifery  
my breakfast at 8.30. orange juice  
Raleston's - Fried eggs + Bacon - Toast  
and Coffee - Up at 10.30. This certainly  
was a quiet Fourth - Took Pictures of  
Peter out on the West Lawn. Luncheon  
on the Porch - Sandwiches + Soup - In the  
evening we had Peter's Birthday Dinner.  
A huge Roast Beef. A Special Birthday  
Cake all lighted up with candles. Thunder  
showers in the late afternoon. Peter's friend  
Joan Sheldon to dinner.



Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> 1944.

Up betimes and orange juice - Ralston  
Scrambled Eggs & Bacon - Toast & -  
Coffee - to the Square with Frances  
and Peter - Sulway - office - work -  
to Lentino's for a hair-cut and shampoo.  
to National Shawmut Bank and had  
Conference with Fred Carroll re Boston  
Committee - Office. Out to lunch at 12.20  
with Everett Lane - to Jordan's to lease film.  
to Hotel Avery. Frankfurts & Potato salad -  
bread - & Coffee - Banana. to Woolworth's -  
Wards & Dennison's for boxes to send goods  
overseas to David. To Kirstein Branch Library  
to look up Frank A. Potter's Seattle address - To  
Mr Johnson's for colored movie film. Back  
to the office. Financial Investment conference  
with Leary & Hill. later over came "Doc"  
Liming and Dan. Bloomfield for Conference  
on Boston Committee. Left at 4.30 Cars all  
the way out. Rode by my stop. So walked  
Back to Griffins in the hot sun -  
Bought for tonight's party. 2 Bottles of  
Gin and 1 of Vermouth. Peter came  
down to meet me. Had a cocktail  
Party on the front porch for Peter

Ame the hearns and the Bates -  
a real good time. the hearns  
stayed for our buffet supper  
out on the porch - roast Beef  
in gravy. learned tonight that  
when Frances and I were away  
at Guildhall that Judge  
Hearn had crept surreptitiously  
into our yard and planted a  
lot of watermelon seeds in the  
jungle. Whata wag!  
Another thunderstorm late tonight.



# Circus Fire

HARTFORD, Conn., July 6—Wrapped in the flaming canvas of the main tent and crushed in a mad scramble to the exits, at least 136

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spectators—two-thirds of them child-  
gaily watching a matinee show of the F  
Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Cir  
sudden death at 2:45 this afternoon ar  
than 200 were injured in the worst dis  
circus history.

Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup> 1944

Up at the regular time - Breakfast  
Orange juice - oatmeal - minced  
Lamb on toast - Iced Coffee - to the  
Square with Frances and quite a  
load of hitchhikers - Charlie Powers,  
Herb. Rogers, and Mrs. Libby. Sulisay -  
Office - work - out to lunch at 12.30 -  
to the Cafe Rouge in the Hotel Statler with Lane.  
Jellied Beef Bouillon - lettuce Bacon - Tomato  
Sandwich - Iced Coffee - Banana - Back to the  
office - Real Estate Committee - left at  
4.30 - Rode home with Moody - to  
Huntington but my suit not yet pressed  
Home. Peter was to have gone to Lake  
Synapsee on the 12.30 train today but  
he missed - so he shows up at  
home a less haired-up.  
Supper on the front porch and to  
bed early.





(AP Wirephoto)

**FROM CIRCUS FIRE** which swept the main tent of the Ringling Brothers-Barnum & Bailey circus at Hartford. This group show in their expressions the fear of the flaming canvas from which they have barely escaped.

## Death in the Big Top

It was hot in Hartford, Conn., last week. But as in most American communities, weather could not keep people away from the circus. Some 7,000 youngsters and grown-ups flocked to the open lot where the Ringling Brothers

and Barnum & Bailey Combined Circus—"the greatest show on earth"—had pitched its "big top" and its side-show tents and menagerie cages. The grand opening parade and the big animal act had been seen and applauded. Then, while the spectators were waiting for a high-wire act to begin, tragedy struck.

A tiny flame suddenly appeared on the side-wall of the 520-foot long, twenty-ton "big top." It grew to a great roaring volume, spreading out and racing upward. As the canvas and its guy-ropes burned, the tent fell in a flaming blanket on the audience below. The crowd stampeded for the exits. Many never reached them. The toll of dead, mainly mothers and their children, was 154; at least 250 others were badly burned.

No one seemed to know how it had happened. Some thought a carelessly thrown cigarette was responsible. Others recalled that spotlights had been seen close to the canvas and suggested that wiring was at fault. The fact that the canvas had been waterproofed with paraffin dissolved in gasoline was cited. With blame yet to be fixed, five circus officials were held on warrants charging manslaughter.





Flame and smoke rise from the main tent as people flee just after the start of the catastrophe

## Other Great Disasters

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| <p>1942—Cocoanut Grove Night Club, Boston, killed 429, Nov. 29.</p> <p>1941—Fire in Strand Theatre, Brockton, killed 12 firemen, March 10.</p> <p>1939—Fire in Ohio State Penitentiary, Columbus, killed 320, April 21.</p> <p>1929—Fire and explosion in clinic at Cleveland, O., killed 125, May 15.</p> <p>1927—Fire in Laurier Theatre, Montreal, killed 77, Jan. 9.</p> <p>1923—Fire in Manhattan State Hospital, New York, killed 25, Feb. 12.</p> <p>1923—Grade School Fire, Cleveland, N. C., killed 73, May 18.</p> <p>1916—Fire in Wallacetown, Va., killed 22, May 10.</p> <p>1913—Fire in Hotel Acadia, Boston, killed 27, Dec. 3.</p> <p>1911—Fire in Triangle Shirtwaist Factory, New York, killed 148, Jan. 15.</p> <p>1908—Fire in Rhode's Opera House, Boyertown, Penn., killed 170, Jan. 13.</p> | <p>1908 — Fire in Collinswood School, Cleveland, O., killed 174, March 4.</p> <p>1904—Fire on S. S. General Slocum, New York, killed 1002, June 15.</p> <p>1903—Fire in Iriquois Theatre, Chicago, killed 575, Dec. 30.</p> <p>1902—Fire in church at Birmingham, Ala., killed 115, Sept. 20.</p> <p>1899—Fire in Hotel Winsor, New York, killed 45, March 17.</p> <p>1898—Fire in Wonderland Theatre, Detroit, killed 15, Nov. 5.</p> <p>1895—Fire in Front Street Theatre, Baltimore, killed 27, Dec. 27.</p> <p>1895—Fire in Davidson's Theatre, Milwaukee, killed 76, April 9.</p> <p>1894—Fire in Grand Central Theatre, Philadelphia, killed 14, April 27.</p> <p>1887—Fire in Exeter Theatre, N. Y., killed 75, Sept. 5.</p> <p>1876—Fire in Conway's Theatre, Brooklyn, killed 295, Dec. 5.</p> <p>1860—Fire in Pemberton Mill, Lawrence, killed 106, injured 500 Jan. 10.</p> |
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**GLOBE ARTIST NORBERT QUINN PICTURES DRAMA OF CIRCUS FIRE**—The band plays "Stars and Stripes Forever." Spectators, many of them children, stampede for exits. The animal act is over and trainer May Kovar, trapped in a central cage, crawls to safety behind a black panther, last animal performer. The Wallendas, ready to start their high wire act, slide down ropes to escape the soaring flames. "The big top goes up like tinder . . ." Bodies of trapped spectators are crushed against the cages of the animals.





Three rings, charred poles and seats mark the site of the blaze as seen from the air

Associated



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(AP Wirephoto)

**THE SHOW GOES ON**—The Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey circus reopened today in the Rubber Bowl at Akron, Ohio, minus the "big top" which was destroyed in the Hartford fire July 6, with a loss of 167 lives. An animal act is rehearsed (left) as the "Greatest Show on Earth" prepared for its comeback performance.



To

Mr. + Mrs. Jay R. Vinton  
3 Pequassette Rd.  
Belmont, MASS.  
U. S. A.

From

Lt. David Benton

Sender's name

O-711786

(Sender's address)

A.P.O. # 16675-23 195

c/o P.M. New York, N.Y.  
(Date)

Rec. July 18-

Englewood  
July 6, 1944

Dear Mom + Dad,  
As you can see by my present location I have been doing a lot of travelling in the past few days. The details as to the trip, my activities will have to wait 'til after the war this summer. I, and all the crew, are well and in good spirits. We expect to receive mail from home in a few days which will help a lot.

This, by the way is not my permanent station. I'll send my new A.P.O. number as soon as I get there. Love to all,  
Dave

V-MAIL



LT. David Benton 0-771886  
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c/o P.M. New York, N.Y.

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July 6, 1944

Mr. Karl E. Hayes  
Guildhall, Vermont

Dear Karl:

This week-end when he is home from his work at the Balsams, will you contact Joe Lavoie, the Groveton plasterer, and ascertain when he is getting through at the Balsams and go over the proposition of doing that plastering in the southwest bedroom at the Cottage and when he thinks the way will be clear for him to get at it. Thanks very much.

Sincerely,

JRB:BCC



1880-1881

# East Wind Holds Temperature to 80s

## TODAY'S TEMPERATURE

A M		A M	
12:30	72	8:30	75
1:30	71	9:30	80
2:30	71	10:30	81
3:30	70	11:30	83
4:30	70	12:30	82
5:30	69	1:30	83
6:30	70	1:30	82
7:30	74		

An easterly wind today held the temperature in Boston down to the low 80s, but the forecast was that, despite the lowering clouds, it will rise into the 90s tomorrow.

After gaining a maximum of 84 degrees at 10:30 this morning, the mercury began to descend and clung steadily around the 82 mark.

The Weather Man looks for no such friendly breeze tomorrow and predicted a warmed week-end. He said there is no rain in sight at least until tomorrow evening.

Indications are that there may be some respite from the ugliness that wilted collars today.

Inland from Boston, localities not reached by the breezes from the ocean, were reported higher.

Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup> 1944

Peter was up and away early taking the 7.30 train to Lake Simcoe.

For breakfast I had orange juice - corn flakes - poached eggs on toast. Iced Coffee. With

Frances in the car. Along came Herb. Rogers again so gave him

a lift to the Square. I continued on and alighted at Cottage Farm Bridge at Commonwealth Avenue.

Took a car out to Lake St. At 9.30 had a conference with Bishop Robert J. Cushing,

Administrator of the Archdiocese of Boston re the Boston Development Committee. Took

the Cars back to home and at the office at 10.45. Work. Over to the C. of C. To talk with

"Doc" Liming and Charles E. Lee. Office. Out to lunch at 12.30 to Stenbais - Breaded Mutton Chop.

Carrots - Iced Coffee - Grapefruit. To Jordan's to get the linen prints - To Buck's to get a

Garden Sprayer. Office. 2.30 Back to the C. of C. for a conference with Liming, Lee, and Wm

Roger Greeley, Pres. Boston Society of Architects. At 3.45 to the Safety Deposit Vaults on Company

Business. Office left at 4.15 - Rode home with Woody. Got a bug 7 -



At 5.15 came a representative of Kearns & Co, Plumbers, went over with him contemplated work - new water pipes down cellar, the Busted radiators in the Annex, and the heat above the front hall ceiling, had suffer out on the porch. Frances, John & I. (Mary is down to Shore Acres, Iitate, again) Later Hannah and Collins dropped in, the latter to talk about his trip out to the Republican National Convention at Chicago +



PETER  
AND  
His  
BROWNE  
AND  
Nichols  
school  
Award!



PETER AND NICHOLAS  
GREET EACH OTHER  
AFTER 9 months.

July 8 - 1944





From

LT. David Benton 0-771886  
(Sender's name)

APo# 16895-CJ-195  
(Sender's address)

c/o P.M. New York, N.Y.

July 8, 1944  
(Date)

To

Mr. + Mrs. Jay R. Benton  
3 Pequossette Rd.  
Belmont, MASS.

(STAMP)

Dear Mom + Dad: Your V mail letter of  
July 29 arrived today, the first to  
reach me overseas. It was really  
delightful to hear from you again.  
Imagine all the other letters you  
+ Jeanne wrote before that date  
now lost on my trail. Until  
I reach my permanent base I  
must hope for much satisfaction  
in regard to mail and feel  
quite lucky to have received that  
one from you today. I read of  
your hot spell in the local  
paper - it must have been terrific.  
I hope Jeanne can visit you soon  
as I imagine that you are anxious  
to hear all about our life in Sioux  
City. Don't forget to take lots of pictures!  
Love to all,  
Dave

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3 Pequossette Rd.  
Belmont, Mass.

David Benton

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FROM THE

FOR

LT. David Benton 0-7718, P6

APC# 16095-CO/598th  
100  
c/o P.m. New York, N.Y.

new

Temperatures which went as high as 94 degrees at mid-afternoon, yesterday, sent hundreds of thousands of heat-suffering city residents to seaside and country resorts, as New England experienced the third day of what the weather man described as "typically July weather."

## Another Hot, Humid Day

Saturday, July 31 1944.

Last night was a close - still air night to sleep through - so too this day starts out - hot - humid - listless. Started reading paper at 6.30. at 8.30 Jane brought up my breakfast - orange juice - wheat germ - minced lamb on toast - and coffee. Lazed around all day - lunch indoors with Frances - nate in the afternoon in the car with her to Curtis Drugstore for the papers - Pond's Extract, a bottle of ST37 and two bunches of asparagus - Back home to find that Nicholas had arrived from Exeter - Peter shortly returned from Dunapasc. Linnin & 2 young brothers. Buffet supper on the Porch. Peter had a hair-cut at John's - Late in the morning came a fellow named George - the old car cleaner - he worked 4 hours washing and waxing our car.

Tonight a most close - sticky - smelly one to try to sleep through -



Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> 1944

Still hot and early too - Papers -  
Breakfast upstairs at 8.30 Orange  
juice - Corn flakes - Dropped Egg on  
Corn beef hash - Toasted English  
Muffin - Good Coffee. Papers all  
morning - hotter and hotter - at  
11.45 over to call on Mother at 11  
Oak Avenue - She now has moved  
into a fine room on the first floor.  
With her own equally installed Bath  
room. Peter and Nicholas came over  
at 12.30. At 1 o'clock we all went  
over to Judge Teary's for a Cocktail  
Party in his rear porch. A fine  
lunch - Back to the house for dinner.  
A large Roast Turkey. Rested all  
afternoon - Nicholas went back  
to Peter on the S.P. train. Frances  
made me a cut sandwich for  
supper. Lay in late at night  
from Fort Snakes and Kangaroos  
from Santa Fe. Have a rough  
night to try to sleep.



SATURDAY EVENING - BUFFET SUPPER  
JULY 8 - 1944



A GARDEN PARTY FOR PETER  
AT JUDGE LEARY'S.  
SUNDAY NOON - JULY 9, 1944







July 9, 1944







PETER FRANCES JAY Nicholas

JULY 9, 1944







SUNDAY DINNER.  
THE LARGE ROAST TURKEY.

JULY 9, 1944







JANE

FRANCES



July 9, 1944





July 9, '44.

Dear Mom + Dad,

We are now at a new base and in for another period of training.

Everything goes well. The facilities at this camp are better than at the last.

I've met several old school friends over here. Funny how they turn up in these odd places.

Tomorrow I'm going out on pass for the first time since Sioux City. It will be interesting

to get a first-hand ~~top~~  
view of the English and  
their way of living.

Hope to get some more  
mail in a few days. It's  
been a month now since  
I last saw Jane or  
spoke to you. Kind of  
a long time — at least  
it seems that way to  
me — Ha!

Much love to you all,  
Dave

Lt. David Benton 0-771886

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4 P.M. New York, N.Y.

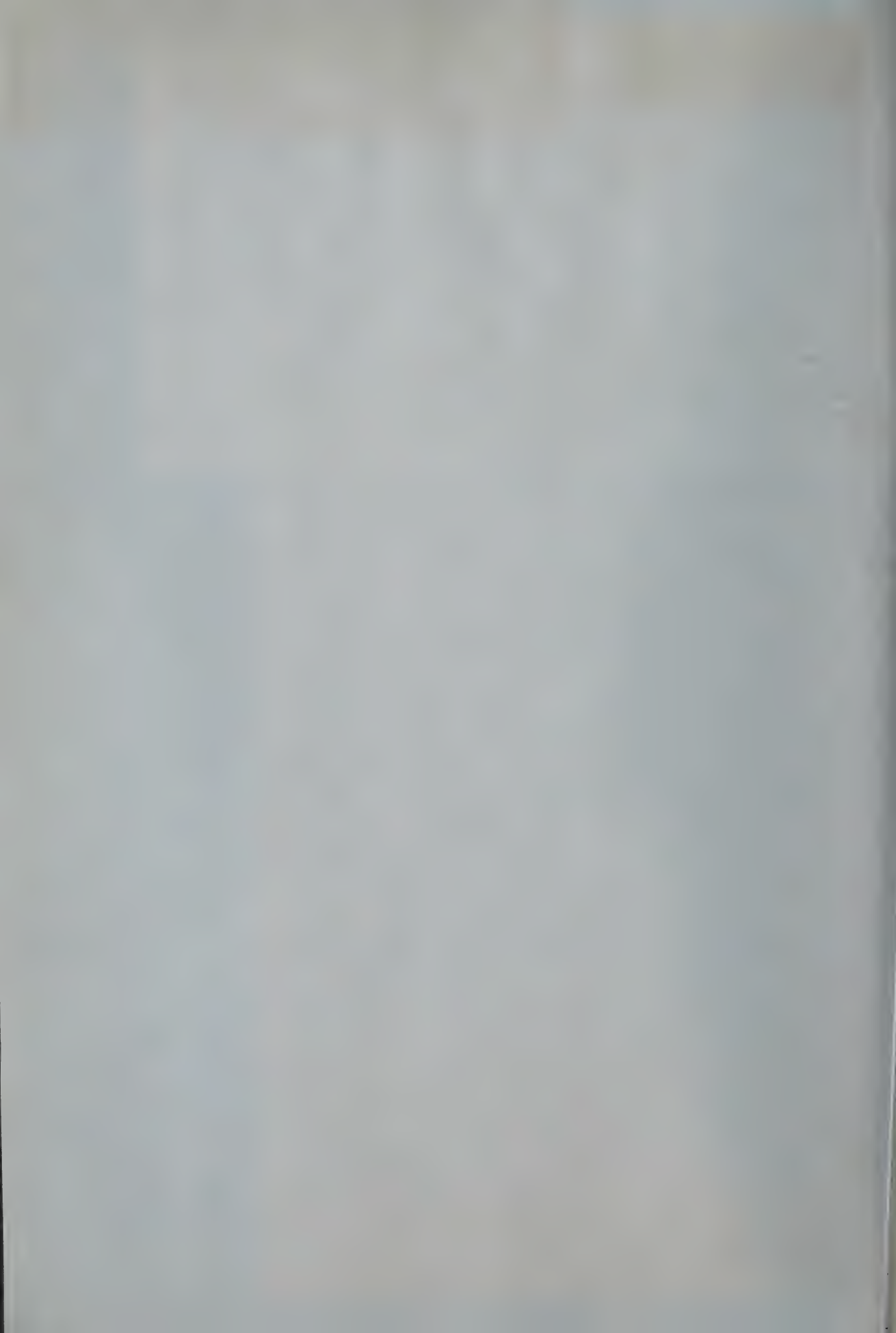


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July 18

Mr. + Mrs. Jay R. Benton  
3 Pequasset Rd.  
Belmont, MASS.

David Benton





# Heat Wave;

Yesterday, the hottest July 10 in 64 years of Boston records, saw a temperature drop in two hours of 20 degrees from a high of 95 with the coming of a terrific electrical storm in the late afternoon.

In a violent thunder and lightning display, which shot bolts with a lavish distribution throughout most of the metropolitan area, a full inch of rain fell in two hours from 6 p. m.,

Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup> 1944  
Hot again this morning. Orange juice - Corn flakes - Fried eggs + Bacon. Toasted English Muffins - Iced Coffee - Heart throbs. Peter playing the Magnavox and the Piano to town with Frances and Peter. First to Red Cross on Gloucester St and then Peter drove me to the office. My office like an oven. Dugged in suit case. Had 4 months of diary material bundled up for the L.A. Wells Bindery. Out at 12.30 with Emmett Lane. Bus to the North Station. Lunch at the Manger Grill. Cornucopia. Cold Meat Loaf. Potato Salad. Sliced Tomatoes. Roll. Iced Coffee. Banana. Got tickets up on the "Mountaineer" for August 6<sup>th</sup> Bus back to Franklin St. To Jordan's to leave Lilius. Air Mail Paper at Woolworth's. Back to the office. Walked down to the South Station - at 2.50 came Peter, Joan, and Joan Sheldon. Peter took the 3.0 clock train for Washington and thence to New Bern North Carolina. Tough to see him pull out. Back to the office. Hotter than hot and the noise of the tearing down



Sgt. Peter Benton, USMCR,  
son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay R. Ben-  
ton, of 3 Pequotsette road, re-  
turned Monday to the Marine  
Air Base at New Bern, N. C.,  
after visiting a week with his  
family.

Sgt. PETER BENTON, USMCR,  
of 3 Pequotsette road, returned  
on Monday to the Marine Air Base  
at New Bern, North Carolina, after  
a week's visit with his family.

of the Lee-Higginson Building wears out  
your ear drums. It is terrific -  
Let the house office go home at  
3.30 - I went along with Moody -  
a hot pipe home. Freshened up -  
in a little while came Frances and  
John from Red Cross Front Porch -  
Cool drinks. Just before dinner  
time along came terrific thunder  
showers and close. The rain came  
down in torrents - Dinner. Cold Roast  
Turkey and stuffing. Had been  
such a tough day. Decided not  
to go to the directors' meeting at  
the Waverley Cooperative Bank.  
Slept first in David's Room -  
then my own - finally cooled  
off

#### WAVERLEY CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Belmont, Mass., June 29, 1944.

Dear Sir:

The regular meeting of the Board of Direc-  
tors will be held at the Bank on Monday evening,

July 10th.

at 8 p. m.

It is hoped that you will be able to be  
present.

Respectfully yours,

WALTER E. BORIGHT,

Treasurer.



DAVID IS IN ENGLAND!

t. David Benton 0-771886  
APO# 16095-CJ-125  
40 P.M. New York, N.Y.

AIR MAIL



Mr. + Mrs. Jay R. Benton  
2 Pennacotta Rd.

July 11, 1944

Dear Mom + Dad, have some  
had a pretty good time a change.  
on my first run in, nothing  
England yesterday. I see it now.  
town we visited was a how quickly  
fairly large one, and better gets  
shows and movies were found to  
numerous. The liquor supply faster  
is very scant but at the time.  
some is available in to all,  
the early evening. Dave

The mail still hasn't  
caught up with us. I sure  
could use some right  
about now.

Tomorrow we start school.



# Sweltering Heat to Remain In Hub Through Tomorrow

Today's continued sweltering heat will remain with Boston and most of the state at least through tomorrow, the weather bureau reported pessimistically today after a momentary break in the section's four-day heat wave effected by last night's brief but violent thunder and lightning storm.

Although early daytime hours were cooler, the mercury had risen to 77 by noon.

The forecast was for "quite hot" weather for both today and tomorrow, with high humidity and gentle winds.

Local, intermittent showers throughout the day cooled the air only momentarily and skies will

remain partly cloudy for at least 48 hours, the weather bureau said.

Temperatures, which plummeted from a high of 94 at 2:30 P. M. yesterday to a low of 71 at 7:30, remained at about 72 throughout most of the night but started a new rise—slow but sustained—at 8 A. M., when the mercury climbed to 76.

Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> 1944  
This was another wicked day. Orange juice - corn flakes - Turkey on gravy on toast - Red Coffee. To the square with Frances - heaving a suitcase and a bundle - clothes to be shipped parcel post to Peter and Nicholas. At 11 had a conference with W. B. Calton Jr. and Boston representative Young - they to be our new advertising representatives - Vice C. Brewer Smith retired - out to lunch at 12.30 - to the Knockers Club - good attendance. Fried Scallops of Halibut - Sliced Tomatoes - Red Coffee - Banana - to the office - Real Estate Committee - Because of the heat - closed the office at 4.30 - Rode home with Moody. Frances took me down to the Payson Park polls so I could vote in the Primaries. Front porch. Papers. Cool Drinks. Dinner time - Boiled Macaroni. Sliced



**BOSTON MUTUAL ENGAGES COLTON AGENCY**

The Boston Mutual Life Insurance Co. has appointed Wendell P. Colton Co., as advertising counsel. The campaign will stress company's fifty-three years of service. Mediums will include New England newspapers.

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# Wrecked in Swing-Time *THIS WAS IT!*

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July 12, 1914

Mr. Edward C. Mansfield  
c/o Mrs. F. E. Burnham  
North Compo Road  
Westport, Connecticut

Dear Ned:

I received your very interesting letter from Westport, dated July 9th, and sent you a preliminary post card yesterday afternoon. This is about all I could do as everybody in the home office was all wilted down by the tremendous heat and humidity that we have been having here, practically without interruption, for nearly two weeks. Incidentally, it is bad this morning and, in addition, the Battle of Congress and Franklin Streets is going on full blast this morning in what is now the shambles of the Lee, Higginson building! They are swinging that large iron ball back and forth from the giant crane and knocking down the inside brick walls. Every time it crashes, the Boston Mutual building quivers. You can imagine how much work Miss Govan and the girls in the front office can do with all that crashing and noise going on right outside their windows.

The work at the office goes on pretty much the same and there has been nothing at all out of the regular routine home office work. Unfortunately, Miss Hubner had a bad summer cold but came in yesterday to write up her pages of the "Highlights" but she looked very badly. Mr. Moody and I ride home together every evening and both he and I are in the best of shape.

We have been closing the home office on those days when the heat was exceptionally bad -- sometimes it has been 94 and 95 degrees at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. I telephone out to Miss Ann Spencer that the home office will close at a certain time, and inside of 3 minutes 99% of the young ladies are scurrying up Franklin Street and on their way home or to some nearby beach, which, of course, is the way it should be.

We all here hope you are getting a fine rest and that you will get some cooling breezes coming in off the Long Island Sound.

Sincerely yours,

July R. Benton



Soldiers, who participated in the Normandy campaign coming ashore at an English port

The New York Times (U. S. Signal Corps Radiotelephoto)



# ies Move From Beachhead Into Ruins to Unco



dy coast is black with shipping as vehicles carrying troops and supplies push inland. Barrage balloons fly overhead as pro  
ossible enemy air attacks.

The New York Times (U. S. Coast Guard)



LONDON: DEATH STREAKS THE SKY AT NIGHT AND CHILDREN ARE MOVED



A time exposure records the fiery path of a robot bomb across the city as searchlights keep the missile in beams to f  
anti-aircraft batteries.

# Robot Over London



A British artist's impression of a robot bomb as it dives toward earth. The bomb is launched into the air from a ramp and is then propelled by a jet motor. Its speed is about 350 mph, its range 150 miles.





The days of the blitz are repeated as children begin a second exodus from London. Prime Minister Churchill revealed that the capital, the bomb's chief target, has suffered more than 10,000 casualties.



# Noxon Enters State Prison



(Photo by Thomas A. O'Connor, Globe Staff)

**UNDER SENTENCE OF DEATH** for killing his mentally deficient infant son, John F. Noxon Jr. (left), socially prominent Pittsfield lawyer, passes through the iron-framed gate of Charlestown State Prison in custody of deputy sheriff Henry W. Stafford.

JULY  
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# Lancaster Fair in Making



THE GRETONA FAMILY

The officers of the Lancaster Fair are going ahead at top speed planning for the annual meet on Sept. 2, 3 and 4 and there are no "ifs" or "buts" in their announcements. They will not object if it happens that V-Day falls during the fair.

Having stood aside in 1943 for the first time since 1902 in accord with the wishes of the ODT the officers feel sure that there will be no trouble in patrons being able to reach the grounds this year. Although the society had no "gate" last year it had a handsome "cut" from Rockingham Park and is therefore ready to do some gambling on its own hook this fall, a gamble as to the gate receipts. It has already signed contracts for the most costly vaudeville bill it ever presented and has lifted the veil of secrecy on two of the acts.

It will not be long before the premium lists are available for prospective exhibitors. They will find there has been no reduction of premiums in any class but to the contrary some upward revisions, notably in the Classes for horses. The association with its usual wisdom isn't jeopardizing the future of the organization by making premiums ridiculously high so as to get a bigger slice of the pari-mutuel melon. It makes premiums liberal and on a basis that guarantees the continuation of the fair independent of

July 12, 1944

## Lancaster Fair

(Continued from Page 1)

the Rockingham race track.

There will be governors' day, at least the governors of New Hampshire and Vermont have been invited to attend and speak and doubtless other notables will be on hand as the fair is just two months before election and candidates will be in a cordial and hand-shaking mood.

The Midway will be under the same management as in previous years and horse racing will be as popular as ever with liberal purses to tempt the entries.

The society is anxious, says Executive officer O. Leo Connary, to keep the fair in tune with the war effort and to be of help to the various war agencies and is making plans to accomplish this.

The grounds, the most beautiful fair grounds in the state, are in excellent condition and Director Frank Alexander has charge of whatever repairs may be needed on the buildings.

The stage show has been engaged through Al Martin, well known Boston agent, and the society makes announcement of two major attractions and as follows.

### The Gretona Family

The sensational Gretonas, high wire walking act, will be the feature attraction at Lancaster.

With the use of 12 foot poles, weighing 70 pounds, this daring trio perform the most unusual feats on a slender steel strand 60 feet in the air. They even ride bicycles across the thin wire and climax their performance with a three high stand in the center between 50 foot poles.

Comedy diving into the net is the closing feature of this attraction.

The Gretonas are rated as tops in out-door high-wire performers and never fail to produce a most sensational act wherever they appear. It is really a family act, with mother, father and son performing the most sensational feats imaginable.

### Friscoe's Seals

Friscoe's Seals are a trio of fun-loving mammals on a strict piscatorial diet, and will be one of the comedy attractions at the Fair.

These seals are almost human, responding to their trainer, Harry Pickard, in an intelligent manner, seemingly aware of what is expected of them. Of course, there are times when they reverse the procedure, thereby provoking laughs from adults as well as children.

Friscoe's Seals are always a stellar attraction on any bill and their antics are clever as well as entertaining. It is the greatest seal act in the East this season and worthy of the highest praise in its accomplishments, claims the booking house.





# Heat to Remain

Hot yesterday, folks?

Well, don't give up hope—it may cool off some day.

But not today!

## HUMIDITY AT TOPS

Predicted maximum temperature today is 92, as compared to yesterday's high of 84—and the humidity today was running about 82, much higher than normal. So politicians—and the practically minded—who may be hot under the collar at the results of the primary election would do well to control themselves lest they suffer prostration or heat-induced apoplexy.

At least, since it was a primary election in which both Republicans and Democrats participated, neither party can be accused of "fixing" the weather.

It was not expected that thunder-showers forecast for this afternoon and evening would do much to relieve New England's sweltering throngs. Hot weather is expected to continue tonight, with the lowest temperature in the vicinity of Boston during the night about 74. Last night's low was 70.

Wednesday, July 12, 1944

The Torrid season still

hangs on. Orange juice -

Corn flakes. Turkey in

gravy. Iced coffee. To the square

with Frances. And once again

giving Herbert a lift. Subway

office - out to lunch at 12.20

with Everett Lane - to the Cipe

Royale. Hotel Touraine - Chicken

Pie. Lettuce Salad - Iced Coffee - Banana.

Air-conditioned so cooled off. To Jordan's - got

last week's films and bought a pair of

light weight sheer pajamas. Office. At

2.15 in Taxi to the Statler Building

with Doc Blumig, Dan Bloomfield, Charles

Lee, and Henry Brown. Conf. with Frank

Hatch re Publicity for the Boston Committee.

This in the new swank offices of

Batten, Barton, Burton & Osborne.

In taxi back to the office. Did the primary

applications, now that Red Mansfield

is away. Closed the office at 4.30

on account of the heat - Rode

home with Woody: front

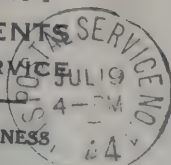
porch - cool drinks - dinner

And to bed - Had less trouble  
in getting to sleep tonight despite  
the heat. Peter telegraphed tonight  
asking me to wire him \$25.00  
Frances was down for a snuggle this  
morning.

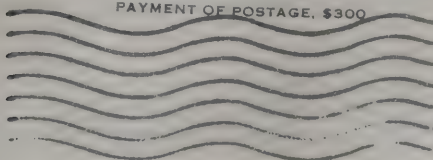


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David Benton  
at Lt. A.C.

TO: Mr. + Mrs. Jay R. Benton  
2 Pequonnock Rd.  
Belmont, MASS.

FROM

Lt. David Benton 0-22186  
A.C. 15025-15-125-  
% P.M. New York, N.Y.

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

(Sender's complete address above)

July 13, 1944

Dear Mom + Dad,

I have more of your v-mail letters  
have come through. Thanks for all  
the news. I feel quite lucky as I  
have been the only one on the  
crew to get any mail so  
far.

The training here is going along  
well. We're working about nine hours  
a day now.

I have no particular wants at  
the moment. The only things we have  
really scarce are razor blades and  
chocolate. My supply of these is going  
pretty low. Everything else is going  
pretty well.

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# BOSTON DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

80 FEDERAL STREET, BOSTON 10, MASS.

Telephone Hancock 1250

*OBJECTIVE ---- To promote united effort and action in carrying out projects for the further development of Boston as a desirable place in which to live and do business.*

June 24, 1944

To the Members of the Executive Committee  
of the Boston Development Council:

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be  
in the Directors Room of the Boston Chamber of Commerce on  
Thursday, July 13, at 2:30 o'clock.

Reports are expected at that time from the committee  
consisting of

H. D. Hodgkinson, Temporary Chairman  
Fred C. Church, Jr.  
Thomas A. Pappas  
M. D. Liming  
Daniel Bloomfield

appointed to make recommendations in regard to obtaining an  
Executive Manager, financing, and allied matters, and from the  
COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND PROCEDURE consisting of

Walter R. MacCornack, Chairman  
William Stanley Parker  
Daniel J. Lyne  
Alden C. Brett  
Ralph M. Eastman

Please enter the date on your calendar.

Very truly yours,



Charles E. Lee, Secretary

June 11, 1944

Members of the Executive Committee  
of the American Psychological Association

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be  
held at the Hotel New Yorker, New York City, on  
Thursday, July 13, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully,  
Sincerely,  
Your obedient servant,

H. D. Hodgson, Temporary Chairman  
James C. Flinn, Secretary  
H. D. Hodgson  
Central Executive

Enclosed for each member is a copy of the report of the  
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
of the  
BOSTON DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

in the Directors Room of the Boston Chamber of Commerce  
at 2:30 on

NEXT THURSDAY, JULY THIRTEENTH

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As you will remember, at the last meeting of the Executive Committee two subcommittees were established and they are to report at the July thirteenth meeting, they are the

Committee on Program and Procedure

Committee to make recommendations in regard to obtaining an Executive Manager, financing, and allied matters

These reports will be of major importance.

Other matters which come properly before the meeting will be considered.



July 8, 1944

Charles E. Lee, Secretary

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
Estate of

JOHN J. BROWN, deceased.

IN SENATE

January 1, 1914

REPORT OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE SENATE, MAY 1, 1913, RELATIVE TO THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, RELATIVE TO THE PROGRESS OF THE BOSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN J. BROWN, DECEASED.

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## BOSTON DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

### Meeting of Executive Committee

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held today, July 13, at 2:30 o'clock and there were present those checked on the list attached. There was also present as a guest H. Daland Chandler who came as a representative of William Roger Greeley. At a previous conference between Mr. Greeley and officers of the Development Council Mr. Greeley expressed a desire to know more about the plans of the Council in order to assist him in determining whether or not he and others who are sponsoring "The Boston Contest" should turn over the prize winning plans to the Council. Accordingly he was invited to attend this meeting of the Executive Committee but, as he was to be out of town, he asked the privilege of sending Mr. Chandler in his stead.

Mr. Hodgkinson, Chairman of the special committee appointed at the previous meeting to consider the desirability and possibility of securing a highly qualified person to serve as Executive Manager and allied matters, filed the report annexed hereto and asked for further time and upon motion it was

VOTED that the report of Mr. Hodgkinson's committee be accepted as a report of progress and placed on file and that the committee be given such further time as it requires.

Mr. MacCormack, Chairman of the special committee appointed to make recommendations in regard to "Program and Procedure," filed the report hereto annexed offering verbally an addition as follows:

7. That regular meetings of the Executive Committee to be held at least monthly be established.

It was VOTED that the report of the committee with the addition be accepted and placed on file.

There was considerable discussion among the members of the Executive Committee as to what activity or activities should be undertaken in the first instance, as to the desirability of employing a temporary executive officer provided there is to be any material delay in securing a permanent person such as is desired, as to how much the activities of the Council should be enlarged to embrace the Metropolitan area, as to what extent this fact should be publicized, and similar matters.

It was the opinion of the Executive Committee that it would be undesirable to issue any publicity at the present time, the Chairman having made a report of an investigation which he and others had made in regard to the matter.

It was VOTED that it would be desirable to issue a report of progress to all members of the Council and in doing so to emphasize the fact that it was a confidential report and not for publication.

Adjourned at 3:45 o'clock.





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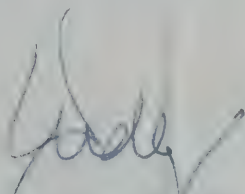
July 13, 1944

Jay R. Benton, Esquire  
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company  
160 Congress Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Jay:

Thank you very much for your excellent letter of July 12 relative to the Chamber of Commerce. This is exactly the sort of comment we are after from our Directors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dudley H. Dorr", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dudley H. Dorr





## Slightly Cooler; Drop in Humidity

Slightly cooler weather and much lower humidity were forecast for Boston tonight by the Weather Bureau. The lowest temperature tonight is expected to be about 62 degrees. Temperatures up to 1:30 p. m. today were lower than for the corresponding hours yesterday by 2 to 8 degrees.

At 1:30 p. m. the official thermometer registered 86 and the humidity was down to 47 per cent. At the same hour yesterday temperature was 88 and the humidity 58. The highest humidity reported today was 81 per cent at 9:30 a. m.

The hottest July 13 in the records of the local weather bureau occurred in 1894 when the temperature was 97 degrees; the coldest, in 1933, at 56.

Thursday, July 13th 1944 X

The weather man said cooler today and down to the 60° - but it did not turn out that way - it was hot all day and night. Breakfast Orange juice - Corn flakes - Scrambled eggs + Bacon - Toast - Iced Coffee - To the Square with Frances and giving Mrs. Libby a lift Subway - Office + Work out to lunch at 12.20 with Brett Lane - To the Cafe Royale - Hotel Warrine - Breaded Mutton Chop - Macaroni + Cheese - Spinach - Roll - Iced Coffee - Raspberries + Cream. Back to the office - Over to the Chamber of Commerce presided over the Boston Development Committee - 2.30 to 3.45 - Office - Left at 4.45 - Home with Moody. John's Mary out - X - Front Porch - Dinner - To bed early - Another hot night - Tossed and turned all hours +

# Cool Breezes Bring Relief

Cooling breezes today brought an end to a prolonged spell of warmth which saw the temperature reach the 90's or high 80's for eight successive days.

The day dawned with readings in the middle 60's, and the weather bureau predicted that the temperature would not go above 80 degrees.

Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup> 1944  
At last - relief from the heat + Frances was down for a snooze - Orange juice - corn flakes - Fried egg - Cream  
Lish on toast - Red coffee - to the Lava  
with Frances - Office and work -  
Over to the First National at 11 and  
Collected and put \$2,175,000 - 5 in  
War Loan Bonds in our Safety Deposit  
Boxes. Out to lunch at 12.30 with  
Berett Lane + to the Cafe Rouge in the  
Hotel Statler + Roast loin of Pork -  
String Beans + Roll - Red coffee -  
Plum + to Jordan's bought another  
pair of sheer pajamas + to the Johnson's  
for a film + Office and work to  
4.05 - Cars to Harvard Square. Met  
Frances in front of Mrs. August's -  
Stop at Griffin's + the Belmont  
Child. Home. Girls out. Frances  
Cooking. Front Porch - Cool  
Drinks - Dinner - Delicious -  
Cold Baked Lobster -  
Spanish Rice - Rolls - Milk -  
Fruit Cup. Watermelon



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JAY R BENTON:

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REIVED MONEY OR TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING TILL I GET

WILL PROBABLY CALL LOVE:

PETER

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE







Jul-19, 1944

Dear Dad,

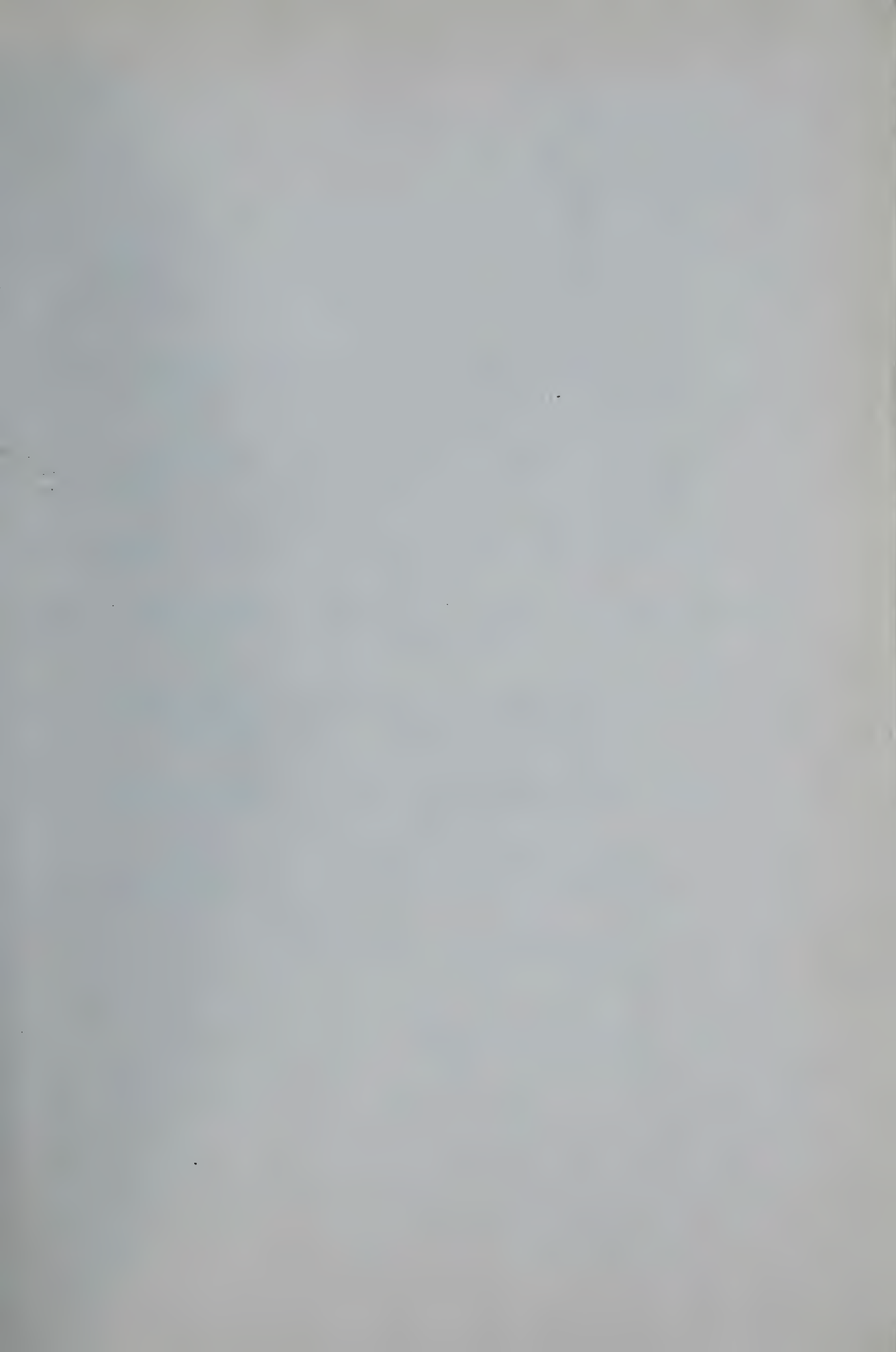
Here's the explanation about the telegram. I'm going away - to ? yes, Dad, awful soon, too. I can't tell you very much but I'll be gone in July. But please don't slacken on my mail and everything. Just send my clothes as quickly as possible and the pictures you took on my wonderful furlough. They cancelled them three days after I left. There's nothing doing. We're all crated and just waiting. I'm in charge of echelon no. 2. That will leave some few days after the first. It's really thrilling, all of it. It's so darned quick, Dad. Everything is going by large transport planes to X where we'll disembark from. Looks like Norfolk to me. Anyway rush my pictures to me and clothes so I'll

be all set. I got a great deal  
of combat gear. Red roll, knives,  
kitting, gas mask etc. We are very  
well equipped to say the least.  
yes we're very well equipped and  
moving out to Battle. That won-  
derful week seems just that more  
wonderful to me now. It was perfect  
and thank you and mom very much.  
I'll call home soon some night  
so expect it. I would write lots  
more but they may even open our  
letters and they have already given  
one boy a terrific penatie for  
expressing his thoughts to the  
morbid people of New Bern. I'll  
write often as I can and don't  
pull any punches on the mail now  
above all times.

Love,

Pete-







Friday  
July 14<sup>th</sup>

Dear Mother & Dad Benton,

Just a note to say  
that my train is due  
at Back Bay at 7:45 P.M.  
on Wednesday, the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Looking forward so  
much to seeing you.

Lots of love,

Jeanne







# Café Rouge

LUNCHEON  
FRIDAY - JULY 14, 1944

## APPETIZERS AND SOUPS

Small Fruit Cup. .25	Tomato Juice. .15, Large. .25
Cherrystone Clams. .55; with Sauce. .65	Little Neck Clams. .45; with Sauce. .55
Clam Chowder .....25	Chicken Broth Julienne .....20
Jellied Beef Consomme .....Cup. .15	Cup of Soup.....15

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## Today's Luncheon Suggestions

(with Rolls and Butter)

Broiled Fresh Haddock, Parsley Butter, New String Beans and Mashed Potatoes . . .	85
Barbecued Breast of Lamb, Braised Red Cabbage and Parslied Potatoes . . . . .	90
Baked Finnan Haddie Delmonico in Potato Border, Chef's Salad . . . . .	90
Roast Loin of Pork, Scalloped Apples and New String Beans . . . . .	90
An Omelet with Lobster Newburg, New Peas . . . . .	90
Veal Cutlet Saute Provencale, Swiss Chard au Gratin and Parslied Potatoes. . . . .	1.00
Pan Fried Roast Beef Hash with Green Peppers . . . . .	60
Fresh Vegetable Plate with Rolls. . . . .	75
Fresh Salmon and Celery Salad with Deviled Eggs. . . . .	80
Open Sardine Sandwich with Sliced Tomato and Eggs . . . . .	65
Statler Fruit Salad Bowl with Cream Dressing. . . . .	70
The Chef's Special Green Salad. . . . .	60
Maurice Salad Bowl (Shredded Lettuce, Julienne Chicken and Ham and Sweet Pickles Tossed with Special Dressing . . . . .	85

A Non-Fattening Salad Dressing will be Served upon Request

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(Mass. Old Age Tax 5%)

Friday, July, 14, 1944





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THE MANAGEMENT of this hotel serves its patrons that all foods served here are bought from REPUTABLE SOURCES at ceiling prices and are opposed to Black Market and do not propose to deal with them.

## 75¢ Suggestion:

A CASSEROLE OF SEAFOOD CREOLE  
WITH NOODLES AND NEW PEAS

Fig Layer Cake

Rolls

Coffee or Milk

Please Do Not Ask For Substitutions

## SANDWICHES

Grilled American Cheese Sandwich.....	40
Toasted Egg Salad Sandwich.....	40
Lettuce, Bacon and Tomato Sandwich.....	45
Sliced Liverwurst on Rye.....	40

## DESSERTS

Jell-O.....	20	Banana Cream Pie.....	20
Fig Layer Cake.....	20	Blueberry Pie.....	20
Assorted Homemade Cookies.....	20	Apple Pie.....	20
Brownie (1).....	10	Cup Custard.....	20
Rice Pudding.....	20	Liederkrantz.....	35
Danish Pastry.....	20	Camembert Cheese.....	30
Macaroons.....	25	Wheelbarrow Cheese.....	25

## FRUITS

Fresh Fruit Compote.....	35	Fresh Stewed Fruits.....	25
Oranges Delmonico.....	25	Cantaloupe or Honeydew Melon.....	35
Chilled Watermelon.....	35		

## ICE CREAMS

Ice Cream Pie, Peach Sauce.....	30	Lemon or Raspberry Ice.....	25
Vanilla Ice Cream.....	25	Hot Butterscotch Sundae.....	30
Chocolate Ice Cream.....	25	Ice Cream Sodas.....	25
Coffee Ice Cream.....	25		

## BEVERAGES

Cup of Coffee.....	10	Pot of Tea (one service per person)...	20
Instant Postum (cup).....	10		

THE CAFE ROUGE of HOTEL STATLER in BOSTON

LUNCHEON  
Friday - July 14, 1944

# Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company

DISTRICT OFFICE  
T. BURGESS, SUPT.  
598 COLUMBIA ROAD  
DORCHESTER, MASS.

HOME OFFICE  
160 CONGRESS STREET  
BOSTON, MASS.

July 5, 1944

Mr. J. R. Benton  
President

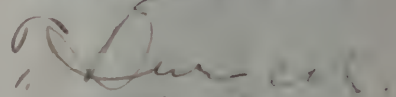
Dear Sir:

The men of the Dorchester District join me in cordially inviting you to attend our annual outing to be held at Nantasket Beach, Friday, July 14.

Dinner will be held at the Nantasket Hotel at 1:30 P.M.  
The boat leaves India Wharf at 10:15 A.M.

Sincerely hoping that you can be with us on that day.  
I am

Respectfully yours,

  
Supt.

TB:DR



# In the Pacific: Examples of Growing



paratroopers float down from transport planes over a beach bustling with landing activities to aid in the taking of Numfor Island from the Japanese.

Associated Press Wirephoto (Royal Australian Air Force)





**CELEBRATING BASTILLE DAY**, the French day of national independence, these French sailors joined American Marines in a parade through downtown streets this morning, after exercises on Lafayette Mall, on the French Marines also participated.

July 14, 19

Blueberries - Sliced Peaches -  
Appetizers at 7.15 - Much cooler  
 tonight. Many at Scituate  
 tonight to spend the week-end



# MERCURY MAY

## GO DOWN TO 60

### Another Cool Day for Hub Is Promised

Fair weather with comfortable cool temperatures, matching those of yesterday, was forecast by the East Boston weather station last night. The temperature was expected to drop as low as 60 in the Greater Boston suburbs this morning.

The highest temperature yesterday was 77 degrees, less than the high of Thursday and well below the torrid temperatures during the recent heat wave.

Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Benton of Belmont, Mass. are spending two weeks at the Benton cottage.

Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> 1944  
Up and stirring around  
early - Reading papers and  
getting caught up on my  
diary. Jane brought up my

breakfast at 8.30 - orange juice - Wheat  
Germ - Filet of Sole - Toast - Iced Coffee

At 10.30 started on two weeks' testing +

Frances out on her usual Saturday morning  
shopping. The new water pipe for the

cellar arrived this morning. Had lunch

on the front porch - Turkey Soup. Sliced

Meat loaf - Salad. Blue Cheese + Rye

bread - Milk - Watermelon Balls -

Rested all afternoon - at 5.30

Frances and I over to the Rogers -

Supper in their Back yard. Lobster

Newburg - salad - Cakes and

cream! Home at 9.30

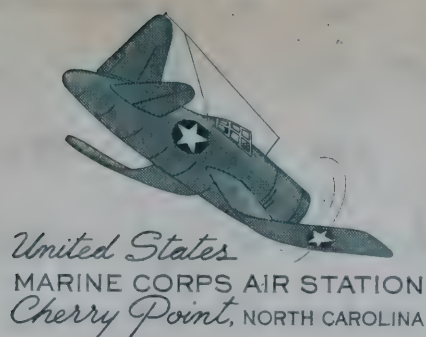
In the afternoon it warmed

up again +



Mrs. Frank Edwin Meserve  
announces  
the marriage of her daughter  
Dora Louise  
to  
Judge Joseph Russell Cotton  
on Saturday  
the fifteenth day of July  
nineteen hundred and forty-four  
Boston Massachusetts





July 16, 1944

Dear Mom and Dad,

With my furlough a week old, I seem to be getting right back in to the old routine of war. I will be gone in a few days for combat duty on the other side but please don't let that stop your letters or any packages that you would like to send along. I sent a telegram to you last night and I hope you got it all right.

Where I'm destined to go for the next few months is, of course, just a guess in the wind as far as I'm concerned. I am almost sure it will be from this coast and probably Norfolk, Va. It seems a whole lot better to go from this coast because we'll have to disembark there also in



though it is a strong possibility that we'll come via the west. If we do go into the Atlantic area, it should prove very interesting to most of us. As a rule, the marines go to the Pacific area. If we do go into the Atlantic, I won't have to worry about half the mosquito diseases, at least. The pictures taken on my furlough are OK and I sure will treasure them in the years to come. It was a wonderful furlough and I thank you very much. When I got back to Oak Grove last Sunday afternoon I was awful dirty, so I showered and went down to pick up my mail. While I was gone everything was packed into wooden crates and labeled with numbers, pictures etc. Everyone had been really working for it was our turn to move out. I couldn't say I was sad about







The matter simply because I want  
to go over. I'm a specialist now  
and it helps to ease the burden  
of not doing enough for victory.

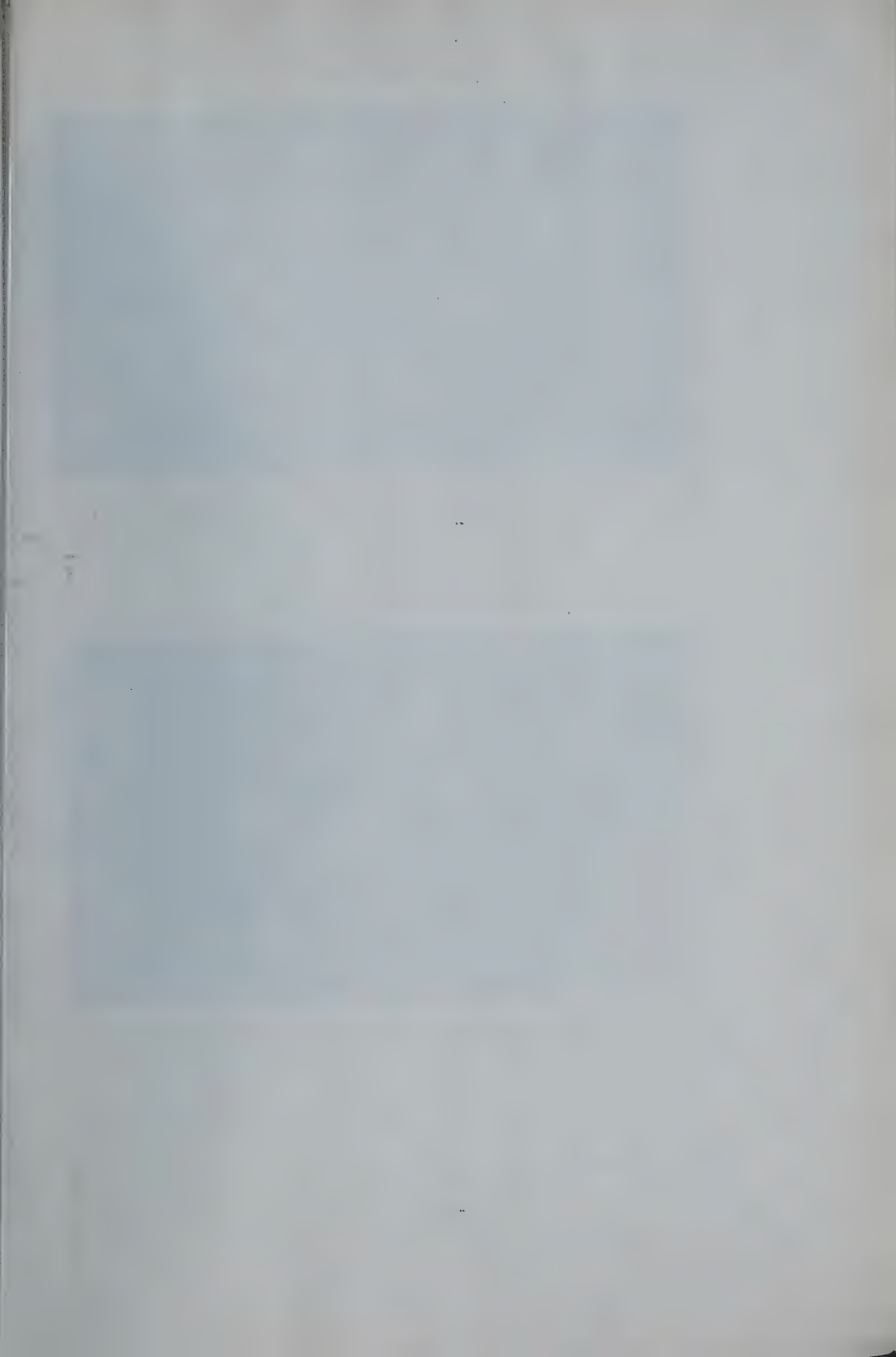
It's really been an  
awesome sight to see the way one  
outfit moves out. Every morning a  
large number of transport planes  
land and load their cargo of  
aircraft material. They roll in  
with their big sized motors  
and seem to strut as they take  
off. Even, they seem to relapse  
that soon all that they're do-  
ing will soon bring us all back  
safely again. Our boys in prison  
camps must just about weep  
when their own planes roll over  
head to destroy the barriers  
that makes mankind so down-  
hearted and gloomy. I shall write  
every day if I can and try to  
make things seem interesting to  
you all. I was issued my belt.

my gear and all sorts of wonderful equipment. Over there I shall construct a beautiful place of "sista". We are wonderfully equipped and I think we'll do a good job over there. I hope so. I have a half a hundred razor blades and they should last very well. I got a haircut so short that it reminds me of boot camp. It's nice to have a whiffle for a change. Don't forget those letters and pictures, of course. If you can get packages to me that would be fine, too. I'll be at Oak Grove for a while longer so you can write to me here. I'll send my A.P.O. address very soon. I'm in the second division and the first will go this week probably. I will be here for a little while longer.

Love,

Peter

P.S. Mary get promoted soon.









AT HELEN JAMESON'S  
WESTON -  
SUNDAY - JULY 16, 1944





Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> 1944 X  
Woke up betwines - the Sunday papers  
arrived early - Jane brought up my  
breakfast at 8.30 - Orange juice -  
corn flakes - Dropped Egg on French  
Cake. Toast - Iced Coffee. Took it  
easy all morning - getting hot again -  
The locusts are singing outside - a  
sure sign. Finally up at 11.15 and  
John took me over to call on Mother  
at 11 Oak Avenue - Frances and John  
came to get me and we three  
drove out to a lawn party at  
Helen Jameson's and Barbara's -  
Also came B. Loring Young and Mrs.  
Young - and the Red. Hipkisses and  
Mr. Mack - Loring Young and I  
in his car to try to track  
down a fire in Weston but could  
not locate it - Back to the Jameson's -  
a nice time - left at 2 and reached  
home at 2.30 for dinner - Roast  
Stuffed Breast of Lamb. Green Beans -  
Swiss Chard - Potatoes - Gravy - Roll - Milk -  
Sliced Peaches X Rested most of the  
afternoon. After dinner, John left

for Fort Banks, where he will get  
a swim in the ocean. His up over  
90° again - At 5.30 along came  
a thunderstorm - and I went down  
stairs for an hour and a half -  
Up stairs at 7 with a tray with a  
snack supper Frances had prepared  
for me - Roast Lamb and stuffing on  
toast - Blueberries & Milk and  
a salad +



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Print the complete address in plain letters in the panel below, and your return address in the space provided on the right. Use typewriter, dark ink, or dark pencil. Point or small writing is not suitable for photographing.

David Benton  
2414 A.C.

TO Mr. + Mrs. J. R. Benton  
3 Pequossette Rd.  
Belmont, MASS.

FROM

St. David Benton. 0-22-1176  
APO 16095 - CT-195  
1/2 P.M. New York, N.Y.

(SENDER'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

(Sender's complete address follows)

July 17, 1944

Dear Mom + Dad,

This has been a wonderful day. Received twenty-three letters from my family and wife. What could be sweeter?!

Also received a letter from Tack later. His dad is very ill and not expected to live very long. Pretty tough. Tack is pilot on a Liberator and now training in the mid-west.

Pete must have had a wonderful time at home with you. He sure has done a great job in the Marines. Don't forget to send me his address.

All goes well with me. I am busy, reasonably comfortable and well fed and, very, very healthy.

Much love to you all,  
Dave

HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE  
ADDRESS AT TOP?

V-MAIL

HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE  
ADDRESS AT TOP?







July 17, 1944

United States  
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION  
Cherry Point, NORTH CAROLINA

Dear Mom and Dad,

It is a very dreary day down here and we're all just waiting for the day of moving out to hurry along. I think I'll be here slightly over a week and it maybe even more. In any event please don't hold up my mail. I forgot to get David's and Jim's APO address so in one of your letters please mention them. There is just no work to do now and everyone seems to be just waiting to leave. I got my clothes all right and now I'm all set to go. We're supposed to have a big storm this evening but I doubt if it reaches here.

There isn't very much

I'd like from home except some hard candy. I can take that with me in jars. I'll probably get a touch of seasickness but that's all right. I hear we get a rigid physical at Norfolk or wherever we leave from.





NICHOLAS BENTON  
8 LANGDELL HALL  
PHILLIPS EXETER ACADEMY

Dear Mom + Dad -

Monday  
July 17, 1944

Please excuse my not  
writing but I have little time  
to my self with all my classes  
and work etc.

It looks like there  
is just no connection to  
Glen + Jackson and then on to  
Guildhall via The Mountaineer.  
So, therefore, I had better go to  
Boston and take the Mountaineer  
to Whitefield on Friday Sept. 1.  
I plan to come down Monday

Guildhall, for 6 mos + stick  
to my work, even on week ends -  
work, ~~and~~ I find, which is too  
speeded up or too difficult -

much love,  
Nick

Even. Sept 4 (labor day) for my  
scheduled trip to New York from  
Sept 5 to 9 - I've got to  
return to school three days  
after that so you see the  
time for me is very short.  
after I return to school, I must  
make arrangements for  
my enlistment in to one of the  
armed forces. I'm making  
arrangements with the station-  
master at Exeter for my  
ticket for Labor Day night  
because in a short while  
such tickets will be scarcer  
than the "O Klahoma", I'm  
sure.

I doubt if I'll be home  
again before you go to





JULY 17, 1944

## 57,000 NAZI PRISONERS PARADED THROUGH MOSCOW



of Hitler's soldiers, captured on the White Russian front, marching through the streets of the Soviet capital

The New York Times (Sovfoto Radiophoto)

### 57,600 NAZIS IN MOSCOW PARADE

MOSCOW, July 17 (AP)—A German army of 57,600 men marched through Russia's capital today, not in the goose-stepping triumph of their leader's dreams, but with the slogging tramp of beaten, captured soldiers. A million Muscovites stolidly watched the procession.

The first elements marched 20 abreast, flanked by Russian cavalymen with gleaming sabres. Among them were two generals, one arrogantly aloof and looking neither to left nor right.

### PARADE IN MOSCOW

The first great victory parade of the war has been held in Moscow. No one cheered from the crowds that lined the streets and the marchers were silent. Yet it was as impressive a spectacle in its way as any that will come with flying banners and blaring bands at the end of the war. They will record a fact. This was prophetic. Fifty-seven thousand German prisoners were marching through the city.

They were headed by their officers, a thousand strong, from generals down.

Ragged, weaponless and out of step, they trudged along hour after hour, watched by mounted guards. This was not the way the Germans expected to come to Moscow. But it was the way they came and the only way any German will come for the duration of the war. Government newspapers had warned the spectators to make no demonstration, and they obeyed. But they were free to talk among themselves and to think. No doubt they thought of the countless dead on the battlefields, the ravaged lands their own armies are reclaiming, and perhaps most of all of the millions of Russian soldiers still held in slavery in Germany. But many of these, too, will come home.

One woman alone, in the bitterness of her heart, broke the silence of the watchers, crying "Give me back my daughter!" The prisoners kept their eyes down. As the parade ended and night closed over the city they heard the victory guns booming for the fall of Grodno.





## Fair, Cooler and No Tropical Storm

Continued fair and cool weather will prevail in Greater Boston the remainder of today and tomorrow, according to the official weather man.

Tonight the temperature will be

in the middle 60s and the high mark tomorrow will be in the middle 70's, he said.

All danger of a tropical storm of hurricane proportions striking this area has vanished as the storm now is way out in the sea.

## Hurricane Peril Ends as Storm Moves to Sea

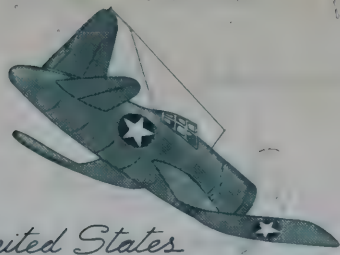
WILMINGTON, N. C., July 17 (AP)—All storm warnings were lowered along North Carolina and Virginia coasts today as a tropical storm, probably of hurricane intensity, that had hovered about 250 miles in the Atlantic began rapid movement to the northeast.

"The northeastward movement at about 15 miles an hour or faster will continue today and there is no further threat to the coast," said Grady Norton, chief forecaster of the federal storm warning service in a 10:30 A. M. (E.W.T.) advisory.

Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> 1944 —  
Up early and at 6.15 down stairs and put the piles of newspapers out on the grass curb for the salvage collection. Frances down for a snuggle — For breakfast — orange juice — Raisins — Turkey in gravy on toast — Iced coffee —  
To the Square with Frances. Monday morning suit case. Work all morning. And out to lunch with Esckett Lane at 12.20. to Child's on upper Boylston St. Sliced Ox Tongue. Horseradish Sauce. Spinach — Roll. Iced Coffee — Banana. To Torden's — left film of Peter to have an enlargement made. To Liggett's — for Rubbing Alcohol and Witch Hazel — To Lower State St. to Thompsons Winchester's — looking for a large Blazer for our Big living Room Parties. Back to the office — Siesta + the Ordinary — applications — left at 4.45 with Moody — So home — John took me down to the Belmont Library — left 4 Bundles of North dunes to be bound — Copies of Fortune's —

Back to the house - Front Porch -  
Mary comes home. Gone since -  
Friday morning + Libations -  
Dinner. Sliced Baked Ham -  
Creamed Potatoes - new Cabbage -  
Assorted Condiments - Pop-Overs -  
Milk - Honey Dew Melon Balls -  
Mentains at 7:15 + A letter  
from Blanche saying Harriet  
had disappeared while shopping  
with Janice at Northampton.





July 15, 1944

United States  
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION  
Cherry Point, NORTH CAROLINA

Dear Mom and Dad,

Big thunder storm coming up tonight and it is cool already so it'll be cold by morning. I took my new shirts up to the tailors today to have them cut down and stripes put on. I won't wear them very much overseas but I thought I'd get it done just the same. The first division will probably will leave on Wednesday. I'll be around for a little while at least. I'm in charge of the second communications group so I've got a little responsibility on the way over. How about a box of Baker's fudge, Dad. or any kind for that matter. This afternoon I stuffed myself with good old watermelon. I'll write you soon my love after a while. Oh, while I think of it please send me a good fountain pen so I'll be all set. I got the clothes in wonderful shape.



I want you very much. I'll sleep like a  
log tonight because I'm yawning already.

I've been busy  
packing, and after I do my washing  
I'll be all set to go. I'm just about  
set and after I get over I can say  
I'm set to pack up and come home.

Love,

Peter







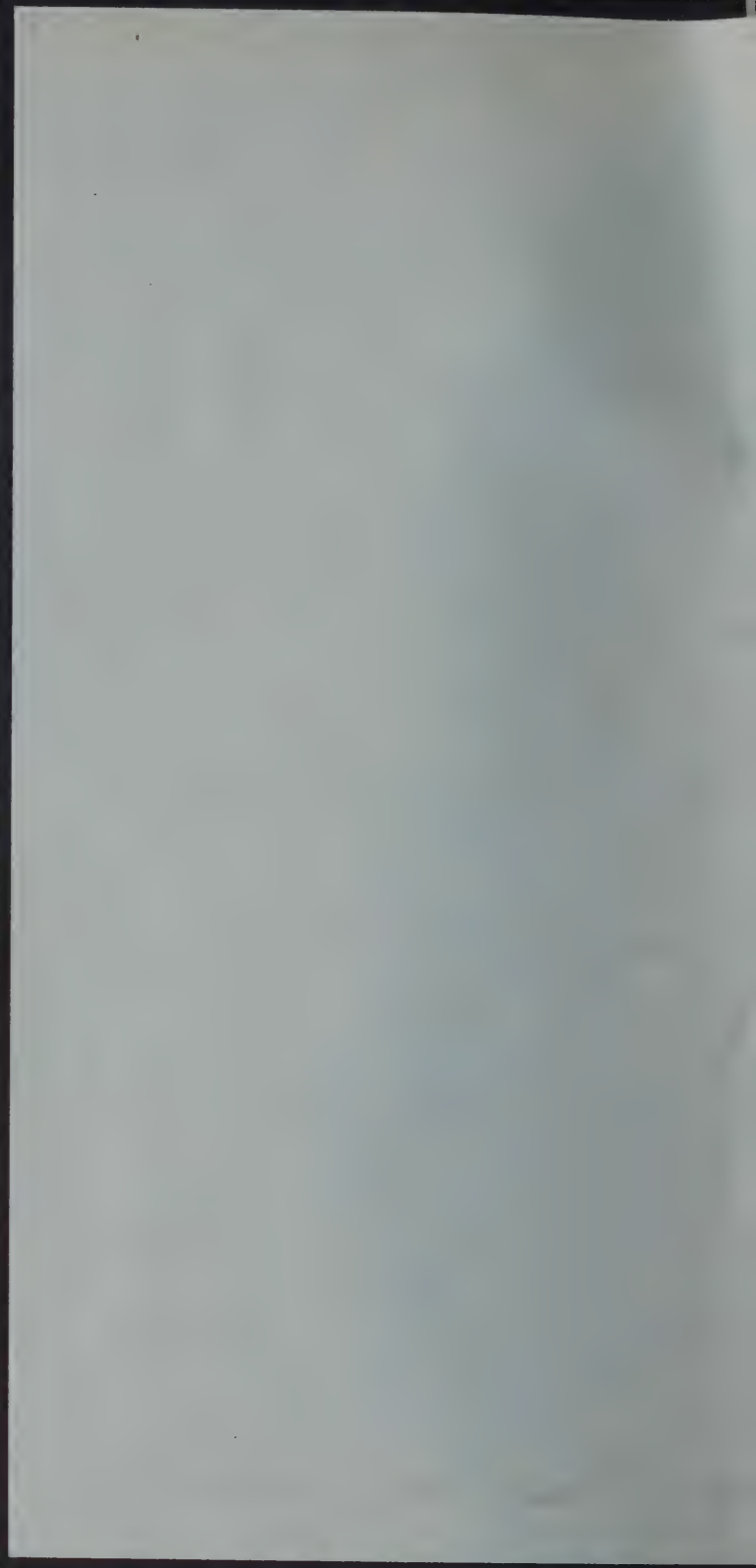
July 18 1944  
Tuesday -

Dear Frances -

Very happy to  
get your sweet letter;  
and am trying to  
hurry the weeks away  
so you can come back.

Couldn't get Leona  
she went away to  
work, but Mae + I  
will find some one -  
It must have been  
great to have had Pete  
+ Nick home. Joy has  
a nice letter from Nick -  
(private, I guess, I didn't  
see it !!!).

We had all our



family home for one  
Sunday dinner the  
last day Pete was here.  
It was pretty nice -  
all over too soon.

It surely was great to  
have had you & Jay for  
those few days - you  
must make it an annual  
affair from now on.  
And we'll have a lot  
more events when you  
come back to us.

I was down to Mae's  
one night last week,  
she was canning  
peas. Never saw such  
a wonderful garden.  
She's going to have





everything from now on,  
including the most  
raspberries I ever saw  
on those bushes back  
of the garden. She gave  
me peas, beet greens,  
lettuce + onions (you + me) -

They are painting  
the bridge. Dark green.

Joe + Eleanor are here  
but I haven't seen them  
to talk to.

Henry Archer is looking  
for a hot fellow, he says  
the nights are getting too  
cold.

Well, the Hayes Draft  
Farm, Social Committee





will be waiting to  
greet you - and  
make it snappy -

The picture of Karl +  
me - certainly was  
out standing -! We  
got a good laugh  
over them -

Try and write again  
before you come up -  
I love to hear from you -  
and give my love to  
everyone -

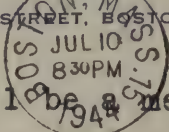
Always  
Blondy

Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!  
Hamburgers. & onions!  
Limes & bacon -!  
Liquid Refreshments!



BOSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

80 FEDERAL STREET, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS



There will be a meeting of the

Board of Directors

Tuesday, July 18, at 12:45 p.m.

Room 118 at the Parker House

M. D. Liming, Secretary

Directors  
July 18, 1944

Meeting of the Board of Directors Tuesday, July 18, at 12:45 p.m., at the Parker House. Present: Directors Frank G. Allen, O. Kelley Anderson, Jay R. Benton, Robert B. Choate, Dudley H. Dorr, David F. Edwards, Carl S. Ell, H. Ainsley Highman, William K. Jackson, Durham Jones, Arthur J. Kelly, James G. Kennedy, P. A. O'Connell, Henry Penn, Theodore L. Storer, James J. Storrow, M. D. Liming, Secretary, and Arthur S. Harris, Assistant Treasurer.

In the absence of President Nichols, Vice President O'Connell presided.

#### Membership Matters

The Committee on Membership submitted the following reports:

(1) Recommending the acceptance of 19 applications for membership in the Chamber.

It was VOTED that the report be approved and that the applicants named therein be elected to membership in the Chamber subject to the usual ten days posting.

(2) Recommending the acceptance of 7 resignations from membership in the Chamber.

It was VOTED that the report be approved and that the resignations of the men named therein be accepted.

(3) Recommending the acceptance of 5 resignations from membership in the Chamber as of a date prior to the end of their membership years. The report stated that an effort had been made to induce these members to continue payment of dues to the end of their respective membership years, but because of special circumstances they were not able to do so.

It was so VOTED.

#### Financial Statements

The following comparative financial statements were submitted:

Expense statement as of May 31, 1944 and 1943  
Condensed statement of net income and expenses for  
the five months ending May 31, 1944 and 1943  
Condensed balance sheets as of May 31, 1944 and 1943

It was VOTED that the statements enumerated above be received and placed on file.





Directors--7  
July 18, 1944

should be recorded in accordance with the results. Upon putting the motion, a majority of the Board VOTED that the Boston Chamber should vote affirmatively on Declaration I. Director Highman requested that he be recorded as not voting.

The Board VOTED unanimously, in accordance with the recommendation of the Special Committee, that the Boston Chamber should vote affirmatively on Declaration II.

### Boston Development Council

At the suggestion of the Secretary, Director Benton, Chairman of the Boston Development Council, now being organized, outlined the plans and present status of the Council. Mr. Benton said that the group was constituted for the purpose of coordinating the activities of various organizations and public and private agencies, with a view to developing effectively the commercial, industrial and civic interests of Boston. He stated that about 150 business and professional leaders had agreed to serve on the general Committee, and that a smaller Executive Committee had been organized. He reported also that a Special Committee was endeavoring to secure a manager and other office personnel and that another Committee was preparing a program of activities. After the reports of these two Committees had been formulated and approved, Mr. Benton said a statement regarding the plans and progress of the organization would be released to the public.

The Secretary stated that from the beginning the Chamber had participated in the undertaking and had provided and is still furnishing staff and clerical assistance to the organization during its formative period. He said that while this involved some time on the part of certain members of the staff, the financial expenditure so far had been moderate.

Without formal vote, it appeared to be the consensus that the Chamber's cooperation with the Boston Development Council be approved.

### Death of J. Paul Foster

The Secretary stated that he reported with regret the death of J. Paul Foster, who had been a member of the Chamber's executive staff for over twenty years and more recently had served as Manager of the Convention Bureau. He stated that although Mr. Foster had died on July 7, his salary had been paid in full since the beginning of his illness early in the year until July 15. Further payments, he said, could not be made unless authorized by the Board.

After discussion, it was VOTED that the Secretary be authorized to send to Mrs. Foster a letter voicing the Chamber's appreciation of Mr. Foster's many years of devoted service together with an expression of deep sympathy.

It was also VOTED that the Chamber should give to Mrs. Foster an amount equivalent to Mr. Foster's salary from July 15 to October 15, 1944.

Adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

M. D. Liming

Secretary









Dinner  
with  
the  
Pi Eta CLUB  
Advisory  
Committee -  
Tuesday -  
July 18-1944

## APPETIZERS AND SOUPS

Celery and Olives 20  
Fresh Fruit Cup 20, Tureen 35

Cold Jellied Bouillon 20  
Potage de Epinard 25, Tureen 40

### HARVARD CLUB SPECIAL LUNCHEON 95 Cents

Choice of Appetizer or Soup

Fried Filet of Sole, Tartar Sauce

or

Chicken a la King on Toast

String Beans

Potato Minute

Coffee, Tea or Milk

(Choice of Any Dessert 15 Cents Extra)

## LUNCHEON PLATES SERVED FROM THE BUFFET

No. 1 — 90c

Ragout of Beef a la Dutch, New Peas, Potato  
Rolls and Butter, Coffee

No. 2 — 1.30

Fresh Seafood Salad, Mayonnaise, Sliced Tomatoes  
Rolls and Butter, Coffee

No. 3 — 80c

Chicken Salad Sandwich, Potato Chips  
Coffee, Tea or Milk

## DESSERTS

Apple Pie .....	20	Bread and Butter Pudding .....	20
Neapolitan Slice .....	20	Choice of Ice Cream or Sherbet ....	20
Fresh Peach Pie .....	25		

## BEVERAGES

Cup of Tea, 10 .....	Pot 20	Glass of Ale .....	10
Cup of Coffee, 10 .....	Pot 20	Glass of Ginger Ale .....	10
Bottle of Milk .....	10	Buttermilk .....	15
		Glass of Beer .....	10

Tuesday, July 18, 1944

Massachusetts Old Age Tax 5%

Luncheon Served from 12 M. to 2:00 P.M.  
Dinner Served from 6:00 P. M. to 8:00 P. M.

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## TABLE D'HOTE DINNER

Grapefruit Juice Cocktail 20

Fresh Fruit Cup 20

or

Cream of Asparagus 25

Cold Jellied Bouillon 20

Complete Dinner    Entree Only

Cold Eastern Salmon, Mayonnaise ..... 1.70    1.20

Grilled Mackerel, Maitre d'Hotel ..... 1.55    .95

Roast Lamb, Currant Jelly ..... 1.65    1.15

Corn on the Cob

Potato Rissole 15

Choice of Desserts

Choice of Beverages

## CHEF'S SPECIAL DISHES

Served Throughout the Day

(Please allow 15 Minutes for Preparation)

No. 1 — 85c

Omelette with Creamed Chicken, Baked Potato and New Peas

No. 2 — 1.10

Broiled Halibut Steak, Corn on the Cob, Potato

No. 3 — 1.35

Fresh Crab Flake Salad, Russian Dressing, Sliced Tomatoes

No. 4 — 1.55

Lobster Newburg on Toast, New Peas, Browned Potato

No. 5 — 1.45

Mutton Chop, Mixed Grill

No. 6 — 1.25

Chicken en Casserole, Chasseur, New Peas

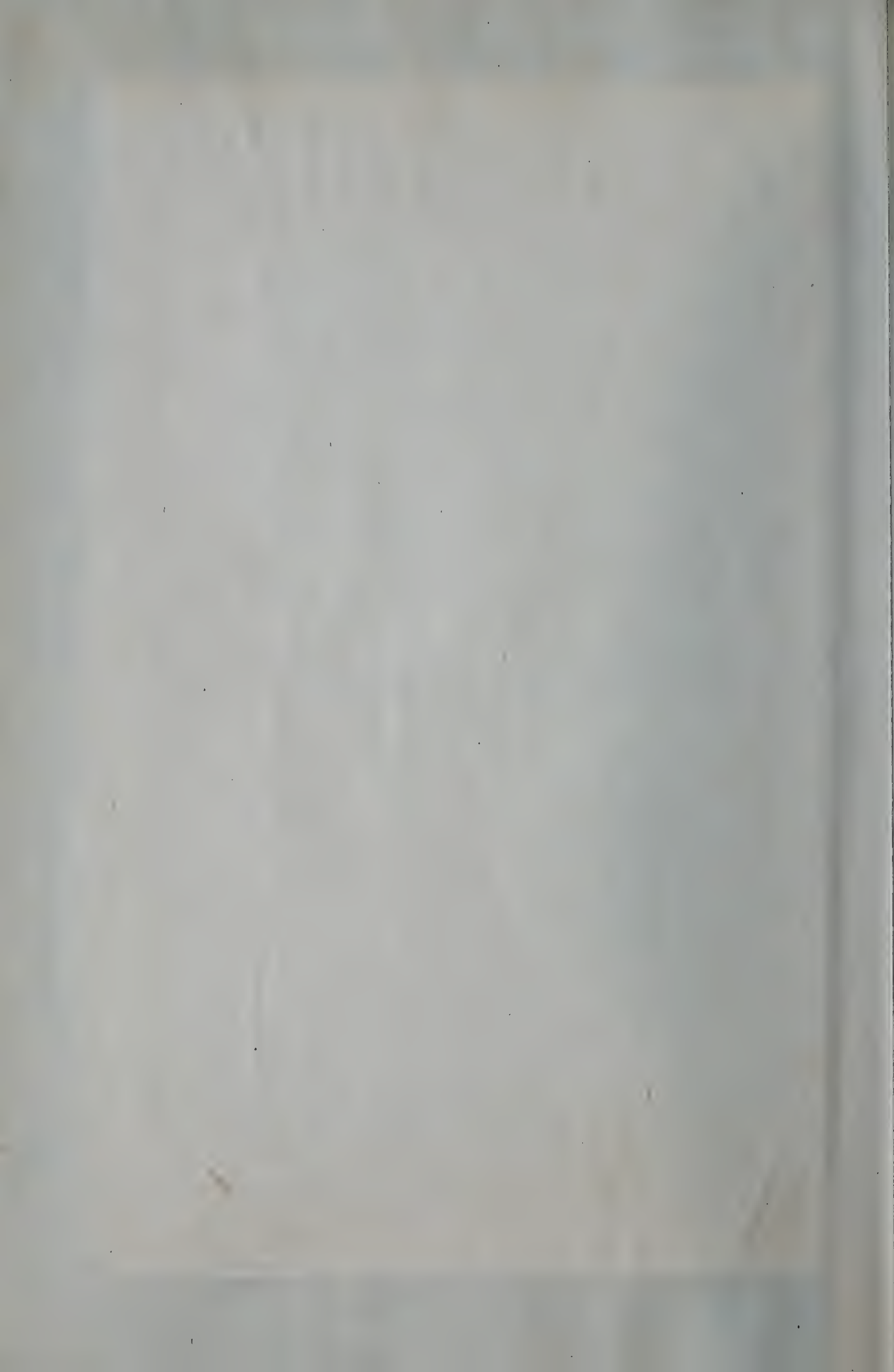
No. 7 — 1.40

Assorted Cold Cuts, Potato Salad, Sole Slaw

Coffee served with all above specials)

(Any Dessert Served from Above 15 cents Extra)





Tuesday, July 18-1944

This was the second day of grand weather - Frances was down for a snuggle. Orange juice - oatmeal - Dropped Egg on Fish Cake - Toast - Red Coffee - to the Square with Frances - Office and working to 12.15 - Over to the State Street Vaults - met Treas. Walter Boright of the Waverley Cooperative Bank and put in 15,000 of the 5<sup>th</sup> War Loan Bonds - to the Parker House - attended luncheon meeting of the directors of the Boston Chamber of Commerce - Chicken Gumbo Soup - Chicken Salad - Ice Cream - Coffee. Sat with Bob Choate of the Herald and Henry Penn. Back to the office. Real Estate Committee Meeting - Over to the Chamber of Commerce to sign Boston Committee letters - Office. left at 5.35 - Subway to Harvard Club - Had dinner with Pi Eta Advisory Committee - Jellys Boullion - Cold Eastern Salmon - <sup>First corned beef</sup> Red Coffee. Bill Chick, Paul Goddard, H. Starr Ballou, George Furgis, Bill Hummer, Bob Dunkle, Frank Sawelle, Don Whittemore. Then out to the Pi Eta Club House. Meeting with the under-graduates. Paul Goddard drove me home. To Bed at 10.30



## Tojo Out in Japan

The bespectacled, mustached Tojo, ruthless instigator of the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, was the second of the three Axis war lords to fall from power as Allied armies relentlessly closed in on their homelands.

Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 1944

This day a little warmer. Breakfast - Orange juice - Corn flakes - fried eggs - Bacon - Toast - Iced Coffee - Talked with the plumber. To the Square with Frances - Subway - Office. Hectic morning. Getting ready for directors' meeting. Then Sharpe, our consulting actuary from New York and Wm C. Jolustone of Montreal phoned at an hour earlier than they were sched. After them came in our Wm B Colton Sr., our new advertising representative from New York. At 11.45 with Everett Lane, Sharpe, and Jolustone in taxi to the Harvard Club for lunch. Filled Bouillon - Sausages. French Bread. Iced Coffee. Fruit Cup. Taxi Back to the office - 1.45 Directors' meeting. 2.30. Finance Committee Meeting. - Over at 4. Left at 4.45 Rode home with Moody. Leggy with us. Radiators out on the West Lawn for testing. Front Porch. Lotion. Dinner. Fish Chauder - At 7.15 Rode in to the Back Bay Station with Frances and Jolustone





JEANNE IN DAVID'S ROOM



BUFFET SUPPER

JEANNE, DAVID'S WIFE,  
VISITS US - JULY 19 to August





NEW PLUMBING IN THE CELLAR!



PHOTO PROOFS  
OF FRANCES  
FOR THE BOSTON TRAVELER.







JEANNE READS EXCERPTS  
FROM DAVID'S LETTERS TO JAY.











# BOSTON DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

80 FEDERAL STREET, BOSTON 10, MASS.

Telephone Hancock 1250

*OBJECTIVE ---- To promote united effort and action in carrying out projects for the further development of Boston as a desirable place in which to live and do business.*

July 19, 1944

This report is for your personal information and should be kept confidential. It is planned to have a public statement made at the proper time by our Director of Public Relations.

The organization of our general committee has been completed and a list of its members is enclosed for your file.

An executive or steering committee has been chosen and a list of its personnel is also enclosed.

Officers elected are:

Chairman: Jay R. Benton, President, Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company

Vice Chairmen: Alden C. Brett, Treasurer, Hood Rubber Company  
Frederic C. Church, Jr., Boit, Dalton & Church  
H. D. Hodgkinson, Vice President, Wm. Filene's Sons Company  
William K. Jackson, Chairman, Maritime Association

Secretary: Charles E. Lee, Manager, Civic Bureau, Boston Chamber of Commerce

A subcommittee was appointed to secure a full time Executive Manager. This committee consists of H. D. Hodgkinson as Chairman, Vice President, Wm. Filene's Sons Company; Frederic C. Church, Jr., Boit, Dalton & Church; Thomas A. Pappas, President, C. Pappas Company, Inc.; M. D. Liming, Managing Director, Boston Chamber of Commerce; and Daniel Bloomfield, Manager, Retail Trade Board. This committee has already done a lot of ground work, has made a preliminary report to the Executive Committee, and hopes to be able to make a definitive report in the immediate future.





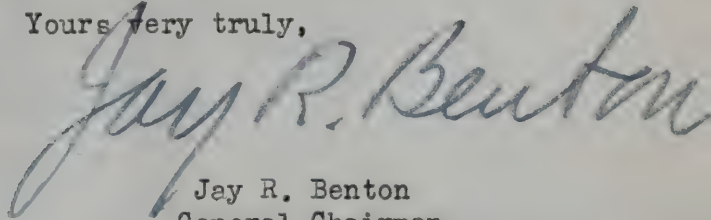
Another subcommittee was appointed on Program and Procedure, consisting of Walter R. MacCornack as Chairman, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Alden C. Brett, Treasurer, Hood Rubber Company, Ralph M. Eastman, Chairman, Boston Chamber of Commerce Committee on Aviation; Maynard L. Harris, New England Trust Company; Daniel J. Lyne, Lyne, Woodworth and Evarts; William Stanley Parker, Chairman, Boston City Planning Board. A copy of its report to the Executive Committee is enclosed.

It will be appreciated if you will let us know in which of the following projects you are particularly interested:

1. The Airport
2. The Port of Boston
3. Traffic and Transportation
4. Community Redevelopment
5. Finance and Taxation

You will be further informed as matters come to a head.

Yours very truly,



Jay R. Benton  
General Chairman

Enclosures--3





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Donald B. Stanbro	- Manager, Hotel Statler
Edward J. Stewart	- Vice Pres., Smaller Business Association of New England Inc.





5. Legislation at the national, state and local levels will require the attention of the Council from time to time. Special committees should be appointed when needed, their makeup to depend on the type of legislation. We believe it is important that the Council develop a sound position on all legislative problems having to do with the development of the City of Boston and that it use its influence to secure the passage of constructive legislation, and, conversely, that it oppose legislation it considers to be unsound.
6. The Committee understands that a competent Executive Director will be found to coordinate and administer all the activities of the Council.
7. That regular meetings of the Executive Committee to be held at least monthly be established.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter R. MacCornack, Chairman  
Alden C. Brett  
Ralph M. Eastman  
Maynard L. Harris  
Daniel J. Lyne  
William Stanley Parker

July 11, 1944

Committee on Program and Procedure

1908-1909

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO





July 19, 1944

United States  
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION  
Cherry Point, NORTH CAROLINA

Dear Mother and Dad,

Nothing doing today as

usual. Everyone is just killing time now and it looks as though the first bunch won't move for a couple of days. We're having a little drill this afternoon just to kill time. That's the first time for me since P. L. made a radio test trip today.

Equipment proved satisfactory and it was really amazing. I'm eating watermelon every minute it seems. I'm almost all packed except for my dirty clothes which are soaking now. Guess I'll have to wash and press this bunch myself. Bob White is about 50 miles from here now. He wants me to come over but I can't because they restrict us pretty strongly. I wonder if we're going to some cool spot because we were told to pack our winter uniforms on top of our sea bags. Oh well, time will tell.

Love,

Peter





RADIATORS  
From  
The Big Living Room  
Brought  
outdoors  
For Testing.  
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JULY 19, 1944





*"The third time late this week, J. B.—thru the hot oven!"*

# Building Up Fair

## Officials Look for Good Crowds At Labor Day Week End Attraction

If the next Lancaster Fair, as usual to be held over the Labor Day week end, fails to match those of the past it will be through no fault of the officers. That statement is a true one. The officers are showing the same determination to cling close to the agricultural and dairy improvement program and at the same time to give the patrons plenty to amuse them.

Treasurer O. Leo Connary states that six acts have been engaged for the vaudeville show, two of which were announced in last week's paper. He assures us that the other four acts will be of top standard.

Director A. J. Kenney again has the racing program in charge and announces the following cards:

### Saturday, Sept. 2

2.24 Trot Purse \$300.00  
2.17 Trot or Pace Purse \$300.00

### Monday, Sept. 4

2.25 Pace Purse \$300.00  
2.20 Trot or Pace Purse \$300.00  
Free For All Purse \$500.00

This is not the only "horse" feature for the society has done its best to bring Dobbin back to his old status. If the Horse Show at the Lancaster Fair isn't tops it will be a surprise. Take registered horses for instance. There are 10 classes for each of five breeds with premiums starting at \$20.00 for first prizes in each class and five place winners in each class. Morgans, Percherons, Clydedales, Belgians and Standard Bred have classes of their own, or 10 classes for each breed. This concerns one section only. Other sections are treated liberally, even the Mules have no right to kick up at their treatment. High premiums for saddle horses are expected to build up this department which is always a popular one. There are five prizes in each class, starting with \$15.00 as the first premium in each class. E. S. Munro is slated as judge.

## Victory Gardens

The society has adopted a unique plan to reward operators of Victory Gardens. There are two classes with prizes of \$10.00, \$8.00, \$6.00 and \$4.00 in each class. The classes are as follows:

1. Best exhibit from home garden by farmer or experienced gardener. Not less than 5 varieties nor more than 10. Each exhibit limited to 9 square feet.

2. Best exhibit by Novice gardener. Not less than 5 varieties nor more than 10. Each exhibit limited to 9 square feet.

## Another Special

An opportunity is given for a renewal of the popular local farmers' trotting race. This event evoked considerable interest and excitement when it was run off at several fairs here a few years ago.

The contest would be limited to residents of Coos and Essex Counties and those who are interested in participating in such a race this year should write to Albert J. Kenney at Lancaster.

In addition to cash prizes of \$30.00, \$25.00 and \$15.00, a special trophy will be offered by Director Jay R. Benton which will go to the driver of the Champion North Country Trotting Horse or Pacer of 1944. This event will be run only if the number of entries indicate sufficient interest. If you have a horse you think can get into the money write Mr. Kenney.





July 19, 1944

Mr. Walter E. Boright, Treasurer  
Waverley Cooperative Bank  
30 Church Street  
Belmont, 79, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Boright:

Here is the information I promised to send when  
I saw you yesterday.

A fulling mill was built at the Beaver Brook Cascade  
in 1662. For complete information see Bond's Genealogy and  
History of Watertown, Appendix I, Page 1039, Paragraph 142.

Yours very truly,

*Jay R. Benton*

JRB:BCC



July 19-21-1944

## LOUD AND QUARRELSOME DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION DISCARDS WALLACE

President Roosevelt spoke from an old observation car on a railroad siding at a West Coast naval base. The inside of the car was a drab, dusty green. The shades were drawn, making secrecy complete. He spoke into a microphone mounted on a battered table: "Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen of the convention, my friends: I have already indicated to you why I accept the nomination that you have offered me. . . ." Two thousand miles away his voice came clear and strong into Chicago's Stadium, jam-packed with 40,000 delegates and spectators to the Democratic National Convention. Earlier in the day, by a vote of 86 to 89, they had nominated him for a fourth term as President of the U. S. Now, although the speaker's rostrum was empty, they sat silent, listening to his formal acceptance speech. It was peculiarly fitting that the President's voice should come to them by radio. All week they had had

difficulty keeping their attention away from the radio onto the doings of the convention. The President said, "The war waits for no elections." Last week the war was moving fast. The Japanese cabinet fell. Hitler was almost killed by a bomb and there was an army revolt in Germany. American troops landed on Guam. The Russians were only 400 miles from Berlin.

But the Democrats, even though they had one eye on the war, did not let double vision prevent them from staging one of their rousing, old-fashioned political jamborees, complete with parades, mobs, wire-pulling and loud, irritable bickerings. It was unlike the Republican convention where harmony and dullness prevailed. Here everybody had his say, Labor leaders, Southerners, political bosses, visionaries, and reactionaries followed each other to the platform. Delegates cheered first one, then the other. Sometimes they cheered just to hear themselves cheer.

## FOR TRUMAN AS VICE PRESIDENT

For the first time in a modern U. S. political convention the big fight was not for the presidency but for the vice presidency. Seventeen candidates received votes. Vice President Wallace was supported by the I. O. and New Dealers. The opposition, led by the Southerners and big-city bosses, had to look hard to find a candidate to beat him. At length they came up with Harry S. Truman of Missouri, a machine politician who has made a good Senate record and who had the blessing of President Roosevelt. Neither an extreme New Dealer nor an extreme conservative, he was promptly dubbed "The Missouri Compromise." In the first ballot, with the galleries loud for Wallace, he got 319½ votes to the Vice President's 429½. But on the second ballot, with favorite sons dropping out and the maneuverings of the bosses successfully executed, he went far over the top with 1,032. He said he, "I accept this great honor with all humility."

## CROWDS WERE BIG AND EXCITEMENT CONTINUOUS

The convention was always a good show. The crowds were big and the excitement continuous. There were bands, booing and oratory—some of it good, most of it bad. On night the President spoke (*left*) the committee energetically printed 15,000 more tickets than the Stadium would hold. Some 25,000 people got seats. Another 5,000 pushed into the aisles. Still another 10,000 milled around the corridors. Said one of Andy Frain's ushers (*LIFE*, July 24) "If the fire commissioner hears about this, we'll all be pinched."

The spectacular success of the convention as a show was inherent in the make-up of the Democratic Party. Every kind of American came to Chicago. There were Southerners, ripe for revolt, and Negroes from New York and Detroit. There were representatives of liberal Hollywood, of the conservative Middle West, of radical labor. There were city bosses and plain people from the little towns. There were happy people and sour people, ambitious people and lazy people. All of them wanted something; all were vociferous; all were Democrats.

They were startled the day before the show opened to hear that Bob Hannegan, chairman of National Committee, had forbidden sale of liquor in the Stadium. Fortunately the order was rescinded and the concessionaires did a whopping business. (There are no drinking fountains at the Stadium, only Cokes and beer to quench thirsts.) In four days the crowd downed 125,000 bottles of soft drinks. The daily average in beer was 40,000 bottles, and hot dogs went at the rate of 25,000 a day.





AS THE VOICE OF THE UNSEEN PRESIDENT SPOKE TO THEM BY RADIO FROM A NAVAL BASE ON THE WEST COAST, DELEGAT





LY, FACING EMPTY SPEAKER'S PLATFORM. THE CONVENTION HALL, WHICH SEATS 25,000, WAS PACKED WITH 40,000 PEOPLE DURING





"... the need of an experienced hand at the helm. And so let us fervently hope that the great pilot who has steered us so surely through the perilous currents of the past years may be prevailed upon . . ."

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Democratic Convention (continued)

## THE TEXAS REVOLT



**Abandoned seats**, left empty by walkout of anti-Roosevelt Texans, were presently filled by rival pro-Roosevelt group who proceeded to vote for the President. The anti-Roosevelt Texans still have upper hand, may divert Texas' 23 electoral votes from Roosevelt in the election.



to meet David's wife who is to visit us  
We have not seen her since the  
wedding on April 1st - Back to  
Belmont and to Bed - Rest  
disturbed by commotion caused  
by Jack - which was caused by the  
set tubs in the cellar - John  
tried to locate the plumber Johnson  
in Harvard Town - but he had gone  
to Fowell for the evening. Back  
to bed again - then "Telephone  
Daddy!" down stairs and it was  
Hannah to say that she had  
a telegram from Blanche  
saying that Harriet had turned  
up in Worcester.



LONDON, July 20 (UP)—The official German news agency DNB announced today that Adolf Hitler and 13 of his top military and naval collaborators were injured today in an attempt on the Fuehrer's life when a bomb exploded during a conference at the Fuehrer's headquarters.

Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> 1944 =

Important family news today when David's wife confided to us on the porch before dinner that she expects to become a mother next February. So at long last it looks like I am to be a grandfather.

In the morning down cellar to confer with the plumber. For breakfast - orange juice - oatmeal - Scrambled eggs with Tomato - Red Coffee. To the Square with Frances - and for the empty-unhappy time giving a lift to Herb. Rogers and Mrs. Libby. Sulway - Office - and a lot of work. Out at 12.30 with Everett Lane and to the Cafe Royale for lunch in the Hotel Touraine. Beef Stew Paprika - Little Onions & Carrots - Red Coffee - Banana. To Woolworth's to get air mail writing paper and to C.O.B. Bates, & Yerxa to buy a box of hard candy - both to send to Peter - walked way down to Iver Johnson's to buy a 130 film - then to Ralph Harris Co and Eastman's on Bromfield St trying to get a 620

David Benton  
2nd Lt. A.C.

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

TO: Mr. & Mrs. Jay P. Benton  
3 Peasewick Rd.  
Belmont, MASS.

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM

Lt. David Benton O-77188

A.P.O. 16025-CJ-195

6 P.M. New York, N.Y.

(Sender's complete address above)

July 20, 1944

Dear Mom & Dad,

After a two day lull five more letters came today. As you can well imagine, mail call is quite a occasion around here. Most of the boys will skip meals and everything else to get a letter from home.

There is not much news to report, at least under censorship regulations. We've been working pretty hard and usually go to the movies and write letters in the evening.

Dave articles from the Herald are always good. Keep 'em coming. My main source of news over here is the "Star and Stripes" - the G.I. newspaper for the G.I.C. - Reading material is very scarce so magazines would be appreciated. Love to all, Dave

HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE ADDRESS AT TOP?

WAVE MAIL

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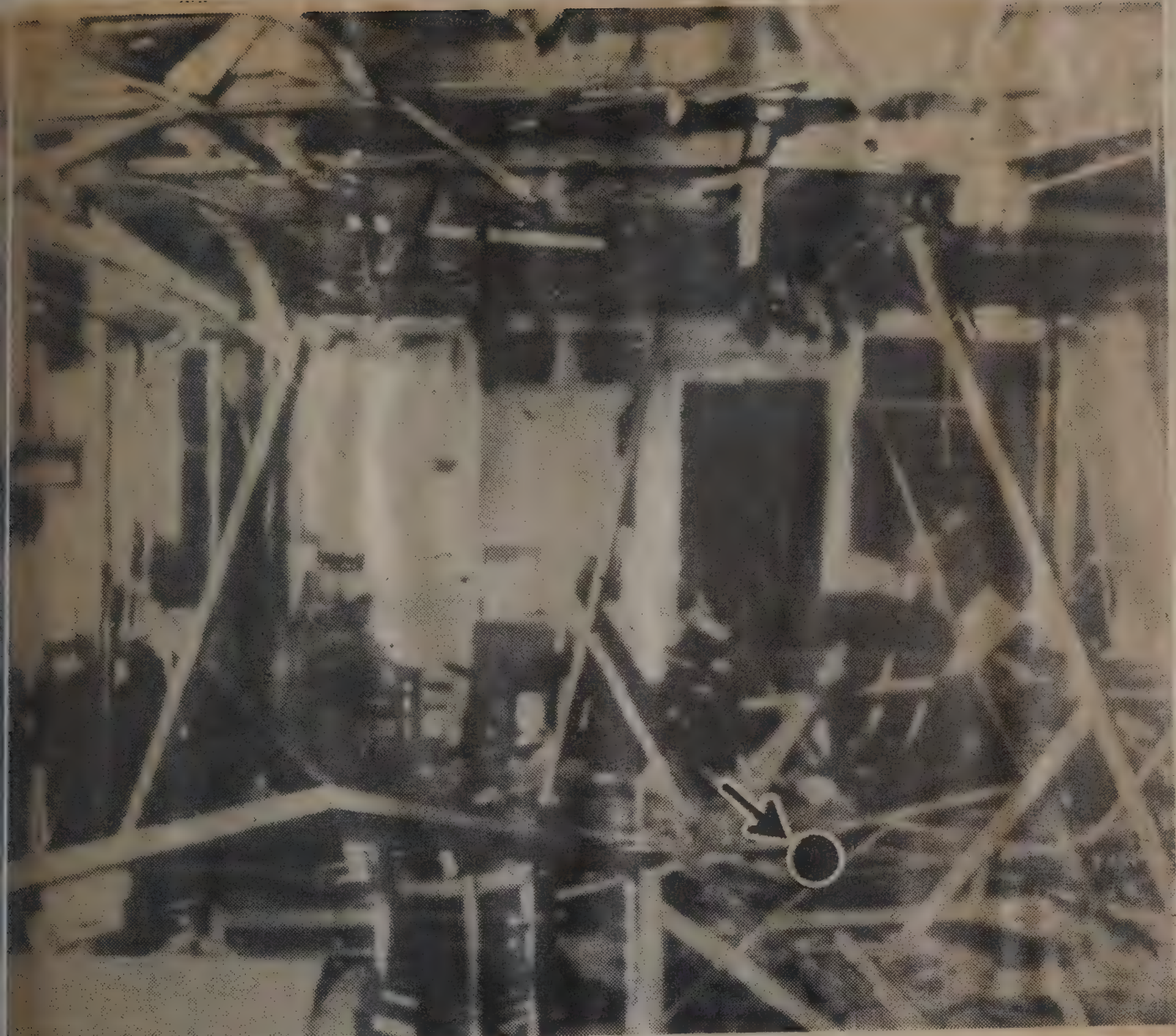
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ARRIVED JULY 31ST





July 20, 1944



## Hitler Almost Got It

the German caption which accompanied this radio-  
Stockholm, this is the wrecked room in which the  
Adolf Hitler's life was made last week. Arrow,  
the Nazi caption, points to the spot where Hitler

was standing when the bomb went off "two meters" away from  
him. Considering what happened to the rest of the room,  
seems odd that a man standing six feet away from the explosion  
should be alive.



# Hitler Inspects Bomb Damage



(AP Wirephoto by Radio From Stockholm)

**THIS IS THE ROOM WHERE BOMB AIMED AT HITLER EXPLODED, says the caption for this German photo, supplied by a Swedish picture agency, purportedly showing the German Chancellor looking over the damage. White spot on his hand is described as a bandage. Face partly visible at right is said to be that of Mussolini.**



JULY 20, 1944

United States  
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION  
Cherry Point, NORTH CAROLINA

Dear Mom and Dad,

I was surprised to hear that Dave was in Newfoundland. He finally beat me out of the country. Now if we both get home at the same time we could really have a wonderful reunion. This afternoon we drilled with rifles. It was my first time since P. L. and I was a little rusty. I saw Bob Walte last night. He's at a base about forty miles from here. From all reports it looks like the first division will be here for another week so I'll be here for another week or two. I got my new shorts back from the tail. One today. They look nice and cut





film but none to be had. Back to the  
office - Worked until 4.45 then  
rode home with Moody. The front  
porch - chatting with Frances,  
John, and Jeane - and then the  
news - Came dinner - a good meat  
loaf and mashed potato. to bed  
early - it has warmed up some  
again - listened all hours to the  
Democratic National Convention -  
to sleep about 12.30 a.m.

Friday, July 21<sup>ST</sup> 1944

Talked with the plumber again this morning. It is going to be possible to make up two of the long radiators for the Big Living Room. Breakfast, orange juice - Paktons - Poached eggs on Toast - Iced Coffee. To the Square with Frances. Subway - Office - at 10.13 to the Safety Deposit Vaults - sizeable Bond transactions - Office - left at 10.45 - to the Parker House. Met Tom. White, George Barnes, Rutland Smith, Jarvis Hunt in the lobby. By Taxi to Suffolk Downs. The Paddock Club - lunch outside - M. Mestron's Soup. Minute Sirloin Steak - French Fried Potatoes. Iced Coffee. Stopped through five pages. Charlie Sprague had joined us from Lynn. left at 4.35 - Taxi to the State House with Hunt, Barnes, & Smith - Park St. Subway. Cars all the way home. Front porch. Waiting - Dinner - Valmont & Green Beans. Off Oven. French Fried Potatoes - Skid Leaches. Milk - It became nice and cool this evening. Radio - got right of the Democratic National Convention.





# THE KNOCKERS CLUB

ORGANIZED 1893

## SPECIAL HOT WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENT

An Afternoon of Good Clean Fun and Merriment!

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The Knockers Club at Suffolk Downs

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Charity Day Racing - Friday Afternoon, July 21st, 1944

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We will have luncheon together at the Paddock Club at 12:30 P. M.

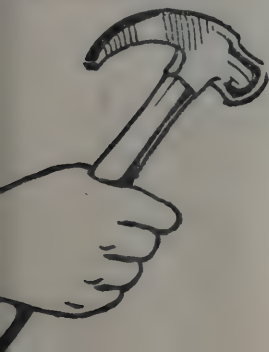
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Fellow-member B. Tuckerman, State Racing Commissioner, will take time from his official duties to explain to us in simple language and with gestures the fine points of the Sport of Kings.

If you plan to attend, let me know in the enclosed envelope. We have to know how many are going to be at our private table.

Yours very truly,

JRB:BCC  
Enclosure



Jay R. Benton  
160 Congress Street  
Boston, 10, Mass.



THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

LETTER TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

An Address of Good Clean Fun and Merriment!

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

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We will have luncheon together at the Bohemian Club at 11:30 A.M.

At 1:30 P.M. we will have a lecture by Mr. J. P. Lockwood, Secretary of the National Association, who will tell us about the work of the Association and the progress of the movement. We will have a very interesting and instructive session.

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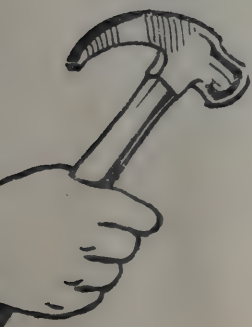
SUFFOLK DOWNS

FRIDAY, JULY 21ST, 1944

We will all meet in the LOBBY at the PARKER  
HOUSE at 12 NOON, SHARP, and go by taxis to Suffolk Downs  
where we have a private table for lunch at the Paddock  
Club at 12:30 P.M.

Yours very truly,

*Jay R. Benton*







JARVIS HUNT  
PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
MASSACHUSETTS SENATE  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

July 14, 1944

Mr. Jay R. Benton  
160 Congress Street  
Boston 10, Mass.

Dear Jay:

Unless something unforeseen arises, I shall attend the Knockers Club outing at Suffolk Downs on July 21st at 12:30 P.M.

Yours sincerely,

JH:bm

ROBERT A. KNEELAND  
RALD HENDERSON  
DOLPH BURROUGH  
NEST H. BLAKE  
NRY W. KNEELAND  
HN F. WATSON  
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July 14, 1944

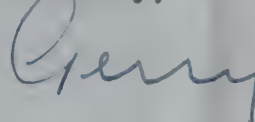
Mr. Jay R. Benton  
160 Congress Street  
Boston 10, Massachusetts

Dear Jay:

I am keenly disappointed that the Paddock Club meeting of the Knockers has to come next week as I shall be away from Boston at that time.

I have always had a longing to understand horse racing, and obviously this would have been my chance. I hope you have a splendid party, and I hate to miss it.

Sincerely,



Gerald Henderson

GH:S

GEORGE L. BARNES  
209 WASHINGTON STREET  
BOSTON

July 17, 1944

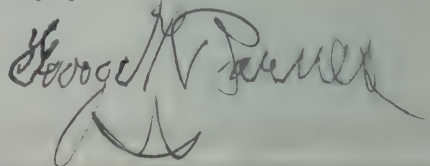
Dear Jay

Have been away and just got back this morning.

This looks like a good party and shall be glad  
to attend.

I think the Club ought to have its tax adviser  
present any way to advise them as to the deductibility of  
their losses.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "George L. Barnes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "G" and a long, sweeping underline.

J. R. Benton, Esq.  
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company  
160 Congress St.  
Boston, Mass.





Knockin Club  
July 21, 1944

# Menu

## DELISHES

Olives 40      Celery 40      Grapefruit Juice 40      Tomato Juice 40      Fruit Cocktail 50

## SOUPS

New England Fish Chowder 50      Minestrone a l'Italienne 40

## DISHES DU JOUR

\*Boiled Eastern Salmon, Parsley Sauce, Green Peas ..... 1.10  
Omelette with Lobster a la Newburg, Potatoes ..... 1.00  
\*Codfish Cakes with Baked Beans ..... 85  
\*Welsh Rarebit with Mixed Green Salad ..... 90  
    Broiled Fresh Calf's Liver with Bacon ..... 1.10  
    \*Casserole of Chicken Livers with Mushrooms ..... 90  
    \*Chef's Salad Bowl with Sardines ..... 85  
    \*Mixed Fresh Fruit Salad, Jellied Finger Sandwich ..... 90  
Hot Frankforts with Sauerkraut or Potato Salad ..... 90  
\*Boiled New York Corned Beef with Cabbage ..... 1.00  
\*Roast Prime Ribs of Beef in Their Own Juice, Potatoes ..... 1.25  
Fruit Cornstarch Pudding 25      Cantaloupe 40  
    Fresh Peach Short-Cake 60

## FROM THE GRILL

Minute Sirloin Steak, French Fried Potatoes 1.50  
    Broiled Lamb Chops 1.25

## VEGETABLES

Potatoes—Lyonnaise 35, Mashed or Boiled 30, Creamed 35, French Fried 35  
New Green Peas 40      Fresh String Beans 40      Fresh Spinach 40

## COLD DISHES

Assorted Cuts 1.25      Roast Beef 1.25      Sliced Turkey 1.25  
    New York Corned Beef 1.25  
    (Potato Salad served with all Cold Cuts)

## SALADS

Egg and Lettuce 75      Lobster 1.50      Chicken 1.25  
Fruit 75      Fresh Vegetable 75      Lettuce and Tomato 75  
    Hearts of Lettuce 60      Chef's Salad 75  
    Russian Dressing 35      Roquefort Dressing 35

## SANDWICHES

Lobster Sandwich 1.00  
Egg Salad Sandwich 40      Lettuce and Tomato Sandwich 40  
Club 1.00      Chicken Salad Sandwich 60      Corned Beef 60  
    Cream Cheese and Olive 40      Sliced Chicken 75      Sardine 45  
    Ham and Swiss Cheese 60      American Cheese 40  
    Swiss 40      Sugar-Cured Ham 40  
    Hot Roast Beef 1.00      Ox Tongue 60  
    (Served on Toast 10c extra)

## CHEESE

Blue Cheese 40  
Swiss 40

Liederkrantz 50

Camembert 50  
American 40

## DESSERTS

Ice Cream 30

Assorted Pies 25

Pound Cake 20

## BEVERAGES

Coffee 25

Tea 25

Milk 20

*\* Denotes Ready Dishes.*

Friday, July 21, 1944

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*(Samuel B. Simon, Inc., Caterers)*

By O.P.A. regulation, our ceilings are "in line" with prices of similar establishments from April 4 to April 10, 1943.

Because of present conditions, some items are not always available. Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

MASSACHUSETTS OLD AGE TAX 5%

## SEVENTH RACE

### CLAIMING

\$1,500. FOR FOUR-YEAR-OLDS AND UP-  
Weight 120 lbs. Non-winners since July 1,  
lbs.; June 10, 5 lbs. Claiming price \$1,250;  
0, allowed 3 lbs.

(Stable Awards Added)

One Mile and a Sixteenth

ORD—KENYON C. (4) 108 lbs., 1.43 1-5, June 3, 1938

## USE THESE NUMBERS FOR BUYING TOTE TICKETS

OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY
esimiano Blue, Gold "M" on Back, Gold Belt and Cap	H. Trudeau	P. Patterson
<b>TRATOWN</b>	<b>*107</b>	
7. Tetrarchal—Town Limit		\$1250
Miller Green, White Belt and Cap	Owner	E. JENKINS
<b>RABESQUE</b>	<b>*110</b>	
6. Pharamond 2nd—Ivy 2nd		\$1250
Whittington White "W" on Back, White Stripe on Sleeves, Green and White Cap	Owner	J. C. GILBERT
<b>SE ABOVE IT</b>	<b>*110</b>	
5. Gallant Fox—Morning		\$1250
Strauss Red Sash, Red Collar, Cuffs and Cap	H. L. Chapman	W. Balzaretti
<b>UNDERSTUDY</b>	<b>115</b>	
4. Peace Chance—Matinee Girl		\$1250
ac, Schwebel Red and White Bars on Sleeves	P. T. Catalano	G. Hettinger
<b>SIE'S PAL</b>	<b>115</b>	
7. Sting—Justa Pal		\$1250
n Rich Blue Sash, Maroon and Blue Cap	V. L. Creal	E. GROSS
<b>STAKE</b>	<b>112</b>	
5. Brokers Tip—Povanne		\$1250
inge Orange Diamond Front and Back, Black Cap	M. Katz	H. TRENT
<b>PRING PARADE</b>	<b>112</b>	
4. Cavalcade—Swing Time		\$1250
P. Farm Red Circle "H A P" on Back, Red Collar, Cuffs and Cap	C. F. Heinicke	W. Turnbull
<b>ARBY DU</b>	<b>117</b>	
8. Tommy Boy—Donna Vivian		\$1000

Apprentice Allowance Claimed.

nsus Selections, 2-6-8.

utuel tickets may now be bought on today's  
nd eighth races by those who wish to leave the  
ly. These tickets may be bought only at the  
94 and 96, Main Line, Grandstand.

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**MUSIC BOX**

HUNTINGTON AVENUE, BOSTON

## EIGHTH RACE

PURSE \$1,700. FOR FOUR-YEAR-OLDS AND UP-  
WARD, GRADE E, NON-WINNERS SINCE JULY 1.  
Weight 120 lbs. Non-winners since June 1, allowed  
3 lbs.; April 10, 6 lbs.

(Stable Awards Added)

One Mile and a Quarter

TRACK RECORD—ZEMBLA (8) 101, 2.04 4-5, July 22, 1937

## USE THESE NUMBERS FOR BUYING TOTE TICKETS

OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY
1 Mrs. W. C. McDermott Red, White Hoops, White Bars on Sleeves, White Cap	W. C. McDermott	G. Hettinger
<b>LADY CABO</b>	<b>115</b>	
Ch. f. 4, Cavalcade—Bona Hortensia		
2 H. L. O'Malley Blue, White Ship on Back, White Collar and Cuffs, Blue and White Cap	A. Gagnard	H. TRENT
<b>JELWELL</b>	<b>115</b>	
Ch. m. 8, Buddy Bauer—Jealous Gal		
3 S. Trenchard Blue, White Star on Back, White Collar, Cuffs and Cap	Owner	E. DELPINO
<b>HENO LION</b>	<b>114</b>	
Blk. g. 9, Coventry—Ribbon d'Or		
4 C. Lambert Brown, White 'L' on Back, Rose Cap	Owner	D. DRISCOLL
<b>RIGHT CARLA</b>	<b>109</b>	
Blk. f. 4, Carlaris—Banner Bright		
5 Mrs. E. A. Summers Red, White Cross Sashes, White Sleeves and Cap	E. A. Summers	H. PRATT
<b>INFANT QUEEN</b>	<b>109</b>	
Ch. m. 5, Burgoon King—Mere Infant		
6 I. Gushen Gold, Green Sash and Sleeves	T. R. Queen	J. C. GILBERT
<b>REST AWHILE</b>	<b>*109</b>	
B. g. 6, Saxon—Vagrant		
7 Victory Farm Red, White Circle "V F" on Back, White Sleeves, Red and White Cap	J. E. Copenhaver	E. JENKINS
<b>JOCKARANDO</b>	<b>*115</b>	
Blk. g. 7, Jock—Mrs. Burke		
8 D. F. Harrington Green White "H" on Back	F. C. Travis	J. SANTER
<b>RAPIDAMENTE</b>	<b>*109</b>	
Ch. g. 5, Precipitation—Dorceur		

\* 5 lbs. Apprentice Allowance Claimed.

Consensus Selections, 6-2-3.

Hold your "TOTE" Tickets until the race is  
declared "Official." No claims will be enter-  
tained for tickets lost or destroyed.

The parking space at Suffolk Downs is free. Every rea-  
sonable protection is provided for parked cars. However,  
car owners are urged to lock their car windows and  
doors. The Eastern Racing Association is not respon-  
sible for damage to or loss of articles from cars.

NOTICE—Pay-offs computed on the basis of  
each \$1.00 wagered.

**GLEN GARRY** Blended Scotch Whisky

S. S. PIERCE CO.

BOSTON



**DAILY DOUBLE CLOSING AT 2:15 P. M.**

**First Half of Daily Double**

**FIRST RACE**

**CLAIMING**

**PURSE \$1,500. FOR MAIDEN THREE-YEAR-OLDS AND UPWARD.** Three-year-olds, 112 lbs.; older, 120 lbs. Claiming price \$1,500.

(Stable Awards Added)

Six Furlongs

TRACK RECORD—APPEALING (4) 117 lbs., 1.09 3-5, July 26, 1937  
HIGHER CLOUD (5) 112 lbs., 1.09 3-5, June 1, '38

**USE THESE NUMBERS FOR BUYING TOTE TICKETS**

OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY
M. Level	Owner	P. Patterson
White, Red Dots		
<b>1 LIGHT SANDWICH</b> *102		
Br. f. 3, Sweeping Light—Virginia Scout		
R. F. Harris	S. McCrensky	M. LEMONS
Orange, Black Belt, Orange Cap		
<b>2 HARIPP</b> *115		
B. g. 4, Plucky Play—Fairfight		
Oak Tree Stable	W. H. Hartman	M. FATOR
White, Green Sash, Green Blocks on Sleeves, White and Green Cap		
<b>3 REVIVE</b> 112		
Ch. g. 3, Display—Resuscitate		
Miss Helen Walsh	John M. Keefe	H. PRATT
Blue, Gold Sash and Cap		
<b>4 MAEPAL</b> 120		
B. g. 5, Prince Pal—Belphrizonia		
Saccardo & Novello	P. Preece	E. JENKINS
Blue and White Quarters, Blue Sleeves, Blue and White Cap		
<b>5 MISS TIME</b> *110		
Br. f. 4, Time Maker—Ophelia		
M. Katz	Owner	L. KERR
Gold and Red Stripes, Red Sleeves, Gold and Red Cap		
<b>6 BACK TO BACK</b> *102		
Ch. f. 3, Pairbypair—Golden Trail		
Medfield Farm	S. James	C. CHAFFIN
Powder Blue, Yellow Belt, Blue and Yellow Cap		
<b>7 NAT'S REWARD</b> 107		
Br. f. 3, Reaping Reward—Black Image		
Victor Emanuel	W. E. Charles, Jr.	H. TRENT
Blue, White Dots, White Sleeves and Cap		
<b>8 BLENHIGH</b> 120		
Ch. g. 4, Blenheim 2nd—Annie Gowdy		
Mrs. M. Walsh	M. Walsh	E. GROSS
Green, Gold Cross Sashes, White Cap		
<b>9 ASTRORE</b> 115		
B. m. 6, Brandon Mint—Binary Star		

\* 5 lbs. Apprentice Allowance Claimed.

**DECLARED—BRIGHT WORLD, PETER BOONE.**  
**Consensus Selections, 8-9-5.**

**STARTING GATE**

If the doors at the front of any stall gate should not open when the Starter dispatches the field, thereby causing a horse to be left, the Starter shall immediately report the name of the horse to the Stewards and the Stewards shall order the money bet on such horse to be deducted from the pool and refunded to the purchasers of tickets on that horse. If one horse of an entry or one of the horses grouped in the field should leave the gate, there shall be no refund on the entry nor on the field.

If the doors in front of two or more of the stall gates (except those of both horses of an entry) should not open in a race, the Stewards shall declare it "no race" and the whole amount wagered shall be promptly refunded.

If the conditions of a race include fee of any kind—nominating, eligibility or starting, such fees shall be returned to the owner of any horse prevented from participating in a race through failure of the gates to open.

If any horse or horses shall be excused by the Stewards before the start, the money bet on any horse or horses so excused shall be deducted from the pool and refunded to the purchaser or purchasers of tickets on the horse or horses so excused. Provided after the start there shall be no refund.

**DAILY DOUBLE CLOSING AT 2:15 P. M.**

**Second Half of Daily Double**

**SECOND RACE**

**CLAIMING**

**PURSE \$1,500. FOR THREE-YEAR-OLDS, NOT WINNERS TWICE SINCE MAY 13.** Weight 120 lbs. winners since July 1, allowed 3 lbs.; June 1, 5 lbs. Claiming price \$1,250; if for \$1,000 allowed 3 lbs.

(Stable Awards Added)

Six Furlongs

TRACK RECORD—APPEALING (4) 117 lbs., 1.09 3-5, July 26, 1937  
HIGHER CLOUD (5) 112 lbs., 1.09 3-5, June 1, '38

**USE THESE NUMBERS FOR BUYING TOTE TICKETS**

OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY
W. Gullatt	B. Lessler	
White and Black Halves, Black Sleeves, White and Black Cap		
<b>1 CARBON BLACK</b> 117		
Blk. g. 3, Identify—Pacify		
Mrs. Ada Stern	S. W. Shapoff	J. J.
Black, Yellow "S" Front and Back, Yellow Sleeves, Black and Yellow Cap		
<b>2 WALLOON</b> 115		
B. g. 3, Flares—May Morning		
Oak Hill Stable	T. J. Barry	J. J.
Green and Gold Halves, Gold Cap		
<b>3 CRESTFALLEN</b> 115		
B. g. 3, Pilate—Cresta 2nd		
Reynolds Bros.	C. Locklear	M. J.
White, Blue Stripes on Sleeves, Blue Collar and Cap		
<b>4 PEACH COBBLER</b> *110		
Ch. f. 3, Ted Easy—Lady Hockberger		
E. W. Judd	R. McKeown	P. J.
White, Green Cap		
<b>5 SHAKY WARE</b> *110		
Br. g. 3, High Strung—Ruth Ware		
Oak Tree Stable	W. H. Hartman	H. A.
White, Green Sash, Green Blocks on Sleeves, White and Green Cap		
<b>6 EMERSON</b> 112		
B. g. 3, Pairbypair—I'm Sorry		
W. C. Davis	G. F. Morris	C. J.
Yellow, Green Sleeves, Red Cap		
<b>7 DOODLE BUG</b> 112		
Ch. g. 3, Brilliant—Conditional		

\* 5 lbs. Apprentice Allowance Claimed.

**DECLARED—BARNACLE.**

**Consensus Selections, 4-3-6.**

**DAILY DOUBLE RULES**

315. Associations permitted and authorized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to operate race tracks and conduct meetings shall permit only the pari-mutuel or certificate system of wagering within their enclosures wherein Straight, Place and Show wagers are made. The installation and use of mechanical or other devices for the purpose of installing the pari-mutuel system shall be subject to the approval of the State Board of Race Commissioners. All other forms of wagering such as the Quiniela and similar systems, are hereby prohibited; provided, however, that wagers made on the Daily Double which shall be subject to the rules of the pari-mutuel system.

(a) Only one Daily Double which shall be under the pari-mutuel system of wagering and which shall be the first and second race permitted during any single racing program.

(b) If no ticket is sold combining the two winners of the Daily Double, the pool shall then be apportioned equally between the tickets including the winner in the first race of the Daily Double and those having tickets including the winner in the last race of the Daily Double in the same manner in which a Place pool is calculated and distributed.

(c) If no ticket is sold including the winner of the first race of the Daily Double then the entire pool will be paid to the holders of tickets which include the winner of the last race of the Daily Double.

(d) Likewise, if no ticket is sold including the winner of the last race of the Daily Double, the entire pool will be paid to the holders of tickets which include the winner of the first race of the Daily Double.

(e) If no ticket is sold including a winner of either race of the Daily Double, then the pool shall be paid to holders of tickets which include the horses finishing second in the two races of the Daily Double.

(f) If no ticket is sold that would require distribution of the Daily Double pool to a winner under sub-sections (B), (C), (D) or (E) of rule 315, the Association shall make a complete and full refund of the Daily Double pool.



### THIRD RACE

#### THE NAVY CLAIMING

\$2,000. FOR TWO-YEAR-OLDS. Weight 120 winners of two races, allowed 4 lbs. Maidens, claiming price \$3,500; 2 lbs. for each \$500 addi-

(Stable Awards Added)

Five and a Half Furlongs

CORD—COCOPET (2) 113 lbs., 1.04 3-5, July 17, 1943

### THESE NUMBERS FOR BUYING TOTE TICKETS

OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY
Laughlin & Dunlap White, Red Diamonds on Blue Belt, Red Bars on Blue Sleeves, Blue Cap	F. C. Dunlap	W. Turnbull
<b>BJORD</b> 113		\$3500
c. 2, Coldstream—Biota		
R. Roberts Green, White Sash, Green and White Cap	I. K. Mourar	H. CLAGGETT
<b>LAY BID</b> 118		\$4000
c. 2, Psychic Bid—Grand Pageant		
Hill Stable Green and Gold Halves, Gold Cap	T. J. Barry	J. POLLARD
<b>ITIAN MISS</b> 113		\$3500
b. f. 2, Rhodes Scholar—Symphorosa		
W. Heinicke White, Gold and Green Bars on Sleeves, Green Cuffs and Cap	C. F. Heinicke	E. JENKINS
<b>FIVE-THIRTY</b> *108		\$3500
d. b. f. 2, Milkman—Fortitude		
W. Hooper White Circle "H" Front & Back, White Boulder Straps, Red Sleeves, Blue & Red Cap	I. H. Parke	H. TRENT
<b>LITTLE FOXY</b> 116		\$4500
c. 2, Fighting Fox—Four Mile Maid		
C. J. Gamble White, Red "G" on Back, Red Sleeves, White and Red Cap	C. J. Gamble	J. LITTRELL
<b>CAT LADY</b> 117		\$3500
f. 2, Tiger—Citronella		
Arnolds Bros. White, Blue Stripes on Sleeves, Blue Collar and Cap	C. Locklear	M. LEMONS
<b>MATLOCK</b> 112		\$3500
c. 2, Gala Hour—Ah-Mi		

Apprentice Allowance Claimed.  
ge in Equipment—MATLOCK—Blinkers On.  
ensus Selections, 6-2-4.

### DAILY DOUBLE RULES—Continued

for any reason the first race of a Daily Double, and or if for  
on the second race of a Daily Double is cancelled and declared  
full and complete refund will be made of the Daily Double

the event any horse or horses in the first half of the Daily  
should be excused by the Stewards after the horses shall have  
paddock for the post, or after the betting on the Daily Double  
ed, the money bet on any horse or horses so excused shall be  
from the Daily Double pool and refunded to the purchaser  
asers of tickets on the horses so excused. Provided after the  
are shall be no refund.

ould any horse be scratched in the last race of the Daily Double,  
mutuel tickets combining that horse with the winner of the  
of the Daily Double shall be refunded. This rule shall apply  
withdrawn or excused by the Stewards before the horses leave  
ier.

tries are coupled in Daily Double wagering. No field horses  
in races comprising the Daily Double.

vious days' outstanding tickets will be cashed be-  
the fourth race at the cashier windows on the main

music you hear is from Records furnished by  
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NO CHILDREN ADMITTED

### FOURTH RACE THE ADMIRAL STARK CLAIMING

PURSE \$2,000. FOR THREE-YEAR-OLDS, NON-  
WINNERS SINCE MAY 13. Weight 118 lbs. Non-win-  
ners twice since March 4, allowed 3 lbs.; a race, 6 lbs.  
Claiming price \$3,500; 2 lbs. for each \$250 to \$3,000.

(Stable Awards Added)

Six Furlongs

TRACK RECORD—APPEALING (4) 117 lbs., 1.09 3-5, July 26, 1937  
HIGHER CLOUD (5) 112 lbs., 1.09 3-5, June 1, '38

### USE THESE NUMBERS FOR BUYING TOTE TICKETS

	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY
1	J. H. Thirkell Yellow, Green "T" on Back, Green Bars on Sleeves, Yellow and Green Cap	H. W. Berry	#117
	<b>FLEET QUEEN</b> 107		\$3500
	B. f. 3, Boatswain—Bosonia		
2	N. Glick White, Turquoise "V" on Back, Turquoise Sleeves, White and Turquoise Cap	J. J. Bauer	E. DELPINO
	<b>HONEST GEORGE</b> 112		\$3500
	B. c. 3, Hairan—Martha Washington		
3	Geo. Werner Blue, Gold Chevron, Blue and Gold Cap	J. H. Slavin	J. C. GILBERT
	<b>MIGHT BE</b> *106		\$3000
	Ch. g. 3, Economic—Grotto		
4	H. H. Haag Blue, Silver "H" in Circle Front and Back, Silver Bars on Sleeves, Silver Cap	J. Johnson	M. PENA
	<b>SHOOT TO BOOT</b> 108		\$3000
	Dk. b. g. 3, Boot to Boot—Shoot		
5	Mrs. M. H. Charles Black, Gold "C" Front and Back, Gold Stripes on Sleeves, Black and Gold Cap	W. E. Charles, Jr.	H. TRENT
	<b>BART'S CHANCE</b> 113		\$3250
	Br. g. 3, Jean Bart—In Luck		
6	Mr. & Mrs. F. D. Rice Gold, Green Circle "R" on Back, Gold and Green Cap	C. J. Gamble	J. LITTRELL
	<b>STAR MAEDIC</b> 112		\$3500
	Ch. g. 3, Maedic—Lucky Star		
7	S. J. Ball Blue, Brown Sash	A. H. Warner	E. JENKINS
	<b>VALDINA IDOL</b> *103		\$3000
	B. c. 3, Teddy's Comet—Idle Victory		
8	Boone Hall Stable Grey, Maroon Braids, Maroon Cap	S. Trenchard	E. ROBERT
	<b>ABREK</b> 108		\$3000
	B. c. 3, Bel Aethel—Eleanor Baird		

\* 5 lbs. Apprentice Allowance Claimed.  
Consensus Selections, 7-2-6.

All outstanding winning mutuel tickets will be paid  
by registered mail only, after the meeting. Address,  
Eastern Racing Association, Inc., Box B, East Boston,  
Mass.

## a Swell Number! Supreme Wines

### WHEN DECISION IS FINAL

If any change in the placing of the horses is made after the red  
light or signal is shown it shall in no way affect the wagering. The  
red light or signal signifying the official placing of the horses by  
the Judges shall be final insofar as the wagering is concerned.

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# Suffolk Downs

NATIONAL WAR FUND, Inc.  
EASTERN RACING ASSOCIATION, INC., AGENT

Under License of the Massachusetts  
State Racing Commission

**FIFTY-NINTH DAY**  
**Friday, July 21, 1944**

SUMMER MEETING  
POST TIME, 2:30 P. M.

## FIFTH RACE

### THE ADMIRAL HALSEY

PURSE \$2,000. FOR THREE-YEAR-OLDS, NON-WINNERS OF THREE RACES OTHER THAN MAIDEN OR CLAIMING AT ANY TIME. Weight 122 lbs. Winners of \$900 three times since June 1, 4 lbs. additional. Non-winners of \$900 twice since June 1, allowed 3 lbs.; \$1,000 at any time, 6 lbs.; a race May 13, 9 lbs.; in 1944, 12 lbs. (Claiming races not considered). (No apprentice allowance for horses penalized).

(Stable Awards Added)

Six Furlongs

TRACK RECORD—APPEALING (4) 117 lbs., 1:09 3-5, July 26, 1937  
HIGHER CLOUD (5) 112 lbs., 1:09 3-5, June 1, '38

## USE THESE NUMBERS FOR BUYING TOTE TICKETS

	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY
1	M. Belasco Green, Gold "B" Front and Back, Gold Sleeves	F. J. Rainey Sleeves	E. JENKINS
	<b>EASY CHANCE</b>	<b>*105</b>	
	Ch. g. 3, Chance Play—Slow and Easy		
2	Bay Cove Farm Green, Yellow Collar, Cuffs and Cap	R. W. Gallagher	H. TRENT
	<b>VALDINA CRAFT</b>	<b>119</b>	
	B. c. 3, Questionnaire—Furtive		
3	Pine Tree Farm Cream, Black "P" Front and Back, Black Bars on Orange Sleeves, Black Cap	A. Pupino	J. BOYLE
	<b>PIQUE</b>	<b>119</b>	
	Ch. g. 3, Knave High—Paris Bonnet		
4	Bunny Stable Grey, Blue "B" on Back, Blue Sleeves, Grey and Blue Cap	J. A. Creal	E. GROSS
	<b>VIM</b>	<b>110</b>	
	Br. g. 3, High Strung—Chicotta		
5	R. W. Collins Black, Red "C" on Back, Red Sleeves and Cap	Owner	R. SISTO
	<b>COLONEL DON</b>	<b>126</b>	
	B. c. 3, Don Leon—Peggy Zabriskie		
6	H. Della Russo White, Red and Blue Hoops, Red Stripes on Sleeves, Blue Cap	J. Carrara	P. Patterson
	<b>CLOUD LIGHT</b>	<b>*109</b>	
	B. f. 3, Challenger 2nd—Cloud Sweeper		
7	H. Hessey Miller Lavender, Gold Sleeves and Cap	E. A. Summers	H. PRATT
	<b>ROCKWALL</b>	<b>110</b>	
	Dk. b. g. 3, Royal Ford—Hie Nock		
8	C. F. Herrmann Purple, Gold "H" Front and Back, Gold Sleeves, Purple and Gold Cap	R. Moore	W. Balzaretti
	<b>FLOAT ME</b>	<b>119</b>	
	B. g. 3, Menow—Float		

\* 5 lbs. Apprentice Allowance Claimed.

Change in Equipment—CLOUD LIGHT—Blinkers Off.  
DECLARED—WINDMILL, IN VOGUE.  
Consensus Selections, 2-1-5.

## SIXTH RACE

### THE ADMIRAL NIMITZ

PURSE \$2,000. FOR FOUR-YEAR-OLD MAIDEN LISTED IN GRADE D. Weight winners since July 1, allowed 3 lbs.; \$1,000 or a race June 10, 6 lbs.; a race May 13, 12 lbs.

(Stable Awards Added)  
One Mile and

TRACK RECORD—KENYON C. (4) 108 lbs., 1:43 1

## USE THESE NUMBERS FOR BUYING

	OWNER	TRAINER
1	A. Hullcoat Burnt Orange, Black "H" on Back, Orange and Black Cap	Owner
	<b>DON LIN 2nd</b>	<b>*114</b>
	Ch. h. 7, Alan Breck—Barandilla	
2	Mr. & Mrs. F. D. Rice Gold, Green Circle "R" on Back, Gold and Green Cap	C. J. Gambi
	<b>TILTING</b>	<b>117</b>
	Ch. f. 4, Challenger 2nd—Tinita	
3	A. J. Vilone Red, White "V" Front and Back, Red Cap	C. A. Welch
	<b>VICTORY DRIVE</b>	<b>116</b>
	B. c. 4, Pompey—Flickaway	
4	W. Gullatt White and Black Halves, Black Sleeves, White and Black Cap	B. Lessler
	<b>FIRST DRAFT</b>	<b>122</b>
	B. g. 5, Peace Chance—Fluffy	
5	M. Mac. Schwebel Blue, Red and White Bars on Sleeves	P. T. Catalano
	<b>VALDINA VALET</b>	<b>110</b>
	Ch. h. 5, Osculator—Spring Cleaning	
6	R. Metcalt Green, Orange "S" Front and Back, Red Cap	Owner
	<b>GOOBER LAD</b>	<b>119</b>
	B. g. 6, Peanuts—In Luck	
7	L. G. McEnroe Maroon, Gold Cross Sashes, Gold Sleeves and Cap	B. F. Christman
	<b>HADAWIN</b>	<b>*112</b>
	Ch. c. 4, Hadagal—Honeydrop	

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Change in Equipment—GOOBER LAD—B  
Consensus Selections, 3-6-4.

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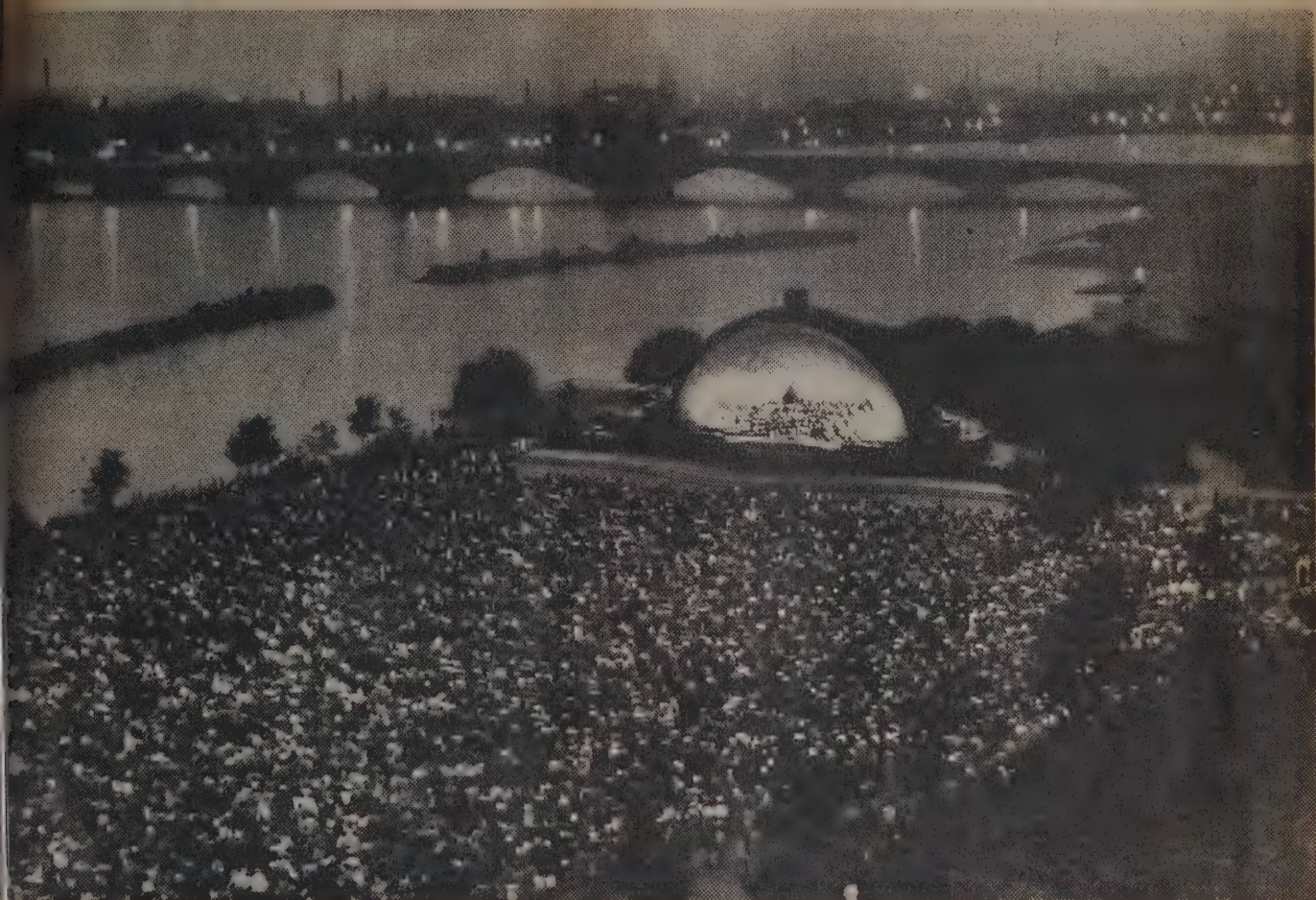
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**PRICE 10 CENTS**



## Sk Falls Over Charles as Shell Is Lighted Again



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### Cast Skies Fail to Deter Boston Music Lovers as 16th Esplanade Concert Series Opens

Dark yesterday afternoon, threatening weather conditions make doubtful the opening of the 16th season of concerts at the Hatch Memorial Shell on the Charles River last night. However, this picture, taken from a Beacon Street apartment house at 8:45 p. m., just as the music began, shows that music, not weather, was uppermost

in the thoughts of some 20,000 persons who gathered there. Lieut. Gov. Horace T. Cahill brought the greetings of the Commonwealth, being introduced by Eugene C. Hultman, of the Metropolitan District Commission. The concert season continues to Aug. 16. There will be no concerts on Monday nights. Concerts begin at 8:30 and end about 10 p. m. Four children's concerts will be given, Wednesday mornings at 10:15, July 26, Aug. 2, 9, and 16.







JEANNE



JEANNE FRANCES



JEANNE AND MARY,  
OFF TO SCITUATE.

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 1944





AND NOW WE HAVE  
THE PIN-UP GIRLS  
OF  
1944  
--  
MARY AND JEANNE  
AT SCITUATE

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OF JULY 22- AT SCITUATE





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MARY + JEANNE  
SPEND THE WEEK-END  
OF JULY 22- AT SCITUATE







MARY



JEANNE







MONA MARY



JEANNE





Saturday, July 22nd 1944 X

This is a nice summer's day. Down for the paper at 7. Jane brought up my breakfast at 8.30 Orange juice - wheat germ - fried eggs + Bacon - Toast - Iced Coffee. Frances out shopping at 9. also later had her hair cut at John Piro's - and took "Curly" to be defleed. John off for Fort Banks at 9.30 I started testing at 10 - did two weeks and it took an hour and a half.

Threw away 41 empty Boxes of medicine July 1940 to August 1944 - Down stairs at 11.30 Sprayed the Rose Bushes. Mary and Jeannette left at 1 for Shore Acres, at Scituate to spend the week-end - Frances and I had lunch on the Porch. Chicken Chop Suey. Rested all afternoon. Down to the front porch to spend the twilight. Supper at 8. Delicious Cold Lobster - Cauliflower. Hard Roll. Sliced Peaches. Milk. Upstairs at 8.30

# Ideal Day

A pleasantly warm summer Sunday, with the mercury at 87 at 3 o'clock yesterday, lured thousands of bathers and sunbathers to nearby beaches.

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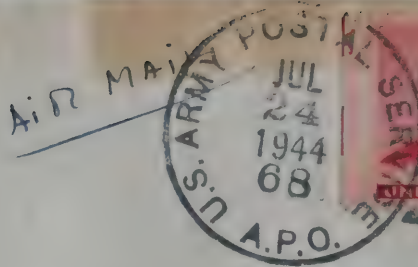
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Lt. David Benton O-771886  
612 Bomb Sqdn, 401 Bomb. Group  
APO 557 % P.M. New York, N.Y.



Mr. & Mrs. Jay R. Benton

Sunday  
23 July 44

Dear family,

Just reached my new  
and permanent base. Really  
busy but I do want  
to get this address off  
to you as soon as  
possible. Here it is:

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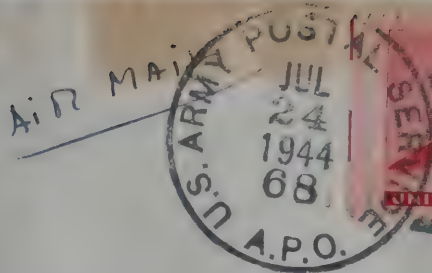
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Lt. Davis  
612 Bom  
AP 557

Tom 0-771886  
401 Bomb. Group  
New York, N.Y.



Mr. & Mrs. Jay R. Benton  
3 Pequossette Rd.  
Belmont, Mass.

Tom





July 23, 1944

Dear Mom and Dad.

It's nice to hear that the water pressure is up. I want to come home more than ever now. We've done nothing but infantry work and it will go on this next week. They aim to harden us up in our last few weeks in the States. It won't be long now before the war breaks wide open as I said it would and we'll all be home. It's been a beautiful Sunday. How is Jeanne? I'd love some good food to eat. Not sweets but cheese etc. Heard from Bill Burke today. He's at a non-combatant camp so far as I know.

Your letters are wonderful  
and I'll try to write each  
day. It is been cold at night  
for the last two days and  
I froze actually. What a  
state. Lots of puppies ar-  
ound. One died today. I  
ate watermelon all afternoon.  
Scent is a lovely habit as  
usual here.

Love  
Peter





# Bomber Airfield in England

Bombers Circling Field  
Before Heading for Germany

Dispersal  
Points

Runways  
150 Feet Wide

Perimeter Track  
50 Feet Wide,  
Five Miles Long,  
Surrounding Field

Housing for  
Personnel

Control Tower

Bombers Lined Up  
For Take-off

Administration Building,  
Shops and Hangars

HUNDREDS OF FIELDS like the one sketched above are scattered about the English countryside. Bombers take off from these dispersed fields for their flights over Germany. They then meet at targets set by Air Force Command.

Mom & Dad  
July 14, 1944

Dear Mom & Dad,

after one day at my  
new, and permanent, home I  
find everything to be  
good. Most of the facilities  
are better than those I have  
seen before over here.

Can't tell you anything  
about my activities until  
I learn the routine of life  
here.

M., today, the "4th"  
leads the entire night  
air force in bomb runs  
and, of course, my group  
is the best in the  
group.

Again I won't receive  
any mail now for a  
few days but I have



my fingers around.

He was anxious to be  
going extremely well for  
us on all points. Perhaps  
I will be home for some  
after all. I should, I trust,  
have finished my thirty  
five missions by that  
time.

My love to you all,  
Dad

Lt. David Be  
W Bomb. 697  
No 557 4 P.



0-771886

401 Bomb. 6-p.

New York, N.Y.



Mr. + Mrs. Jay R. Benton  
3 Pequossette Rd.  
Belmont, Mass.

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hayes were pleasantly surprised on Monday evening, July 24, when a few relatives from Guildhall and some friends from Northumberland arrived, through the arrangements of their daughter, Mrs. Hilda H. Malas, and Mr. Malas, to help make the day a happy one, not to be soon forgotten. Various games were played for which prizes were given.

A decorated table in ruby colored crepe paper, red roses and ruby candles held the refreshments. The beautiful 40th anniversary cake, made by Mrs. Minnie Cushing, was also in ruby and white. Place cards were used with names taken from comic strips. Slips were drawn with names in the living room where the line was formed to go to the dining room. Mr. and Mrs. Hayes received two \$50.00 war bonds, flowers and other nice gifts. At exactly two minutes to 12 three cheers were given for the honored couple as they started on their 41st year.

# Temperature of 92

Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup> 1944

This was a hot day. Frances down for a  
snuggle, Orange juice - Wheat Germ - Fried eggs & bacon.  
Toast - iced coffee. Monday morning suit case to the Square  
with Frances. Another lift for Mrs. Libby Sulway. Office  
Work. Over to Lentini's for a hair cut and shampoo.  
To Iver Johnson's but Blake out. Office to 12.30. Out  
with Everett Lane. To the Cafe Royale in the Hotel Touraine -  
Air conditioned. Assorted Cold cuts. Potato Salad. Iced Coffee -  
Banana. To Jordan's - left film. Enlargement not ready.  
Bought a mountain pant to send Peter. To Lippett's for 2  
bottles of Medicine & Benedicts - to Hurvins & Hollis on  
Province St. For a pair of suspenders. To Iver Johnson's  
and got 2 - 620 films. Back to the office. Work.  
Weld Mansfield back today from his vacation.  
Left at 4.40 Home all the way on the car. Woody's  
Car is busted. Front Pouch - vibrations. Took  
flash light pictures of Jeanne to send David.  
The new soil pipe and trap were installed in  
the laundry today. A fine job. Dinner on  
the front porch and so to bed. a close  
night. The Bed over by the west window  
again + Closed the office at 4.30 today  
because of the heat.



# Mercury in 80s; No Rain in Sight

It should be a comfortable night for sleeping, with temperatures around 66, the weather bureau predicted today, with prospects for a fair Wednesday on which the mercury will reach the middle or upper 80's.

Victory gardeners hoping for rain will have to keep hoping. The fact is, there are no storms nearer Boston than "a few typical summer showers in Kansas," reported Meteorologist G. Harold heading for the high 80's.

The temperature reached 85 today at 1:30 p. m., but cooler weather is on the way, says Harold Noyes, the Weather Man. Tonight the temperature will be in the mid sixties.

With the coming of cooler weather late in the afternoon may come thundershowers. These, however, will be short and will not affect the temperature very much. Tomorrow will be fair and cooler.

If you felt more uncomfortable today, in spite of the fact that the temperature yesterday soared to 92, whereas today the mercury stopped at 85, it was due to the excessively high humidity, which read 53 percent at 1:30. This is higher than average for this temperature.

Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> 1944

Did not sleep well last night it was so hot. and it is tough this morning. Up at 7.30 and downstairs at 8. Put six Paper Barrels out. At 8.30 Came J. Gerhard Johnson, the Mount Auburn Upholsterer, to lug away two chairs from the Big Living Room To reupholster and to measure the dinette in the little living room to make new Clintz Slip Cover. Right afterwards came Olsen, the Templeton Parkway Clock Maker to take away the Trench Clock from the little living room mantelpiece to repair. To the Square with Frances Sulzway. Office - Otto Trune, Joseph D. Teland to confer on the Boston Plan. At 11 Came Colton Jr. and Joking to show the first draft for our new England advertisement to be run the week of August 14<sup>th</sup> At 12.45 to the Knicker Club for lunch - Grilled eggs, sausage and coffee Banana - Back to the office -



Tuesday

July 25-1944

Dear Mom and Dad-

How do you like the new stationery?

Enclosed are a number of things that I would like you and the family to look over.

Peter wrote suggesting more mail, especially from John.

Give Jeanne my love---- tell her that I'll probably get in touch with her for some theatre tickets.

Only thirty eight days and I'll be in Guildhall. I can hardly wait.

Love,

*Wick*





Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Benton have as their guests at the Benton cottage, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Taylor of Belmont, and Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Crocker of Marblehead, Mass. Dinner guests on Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Hunter and Mr. and Mrs. Karl Hayes.

Short real estate meeting over when I got there. At 3 came Colton & Young again. To go over weekly newspaper lists - Heat wave - closed the office at 4.30 - Home all the way in the car. Moody being in Southbridge. Very tired on reaching - had a hot bath - clean pajamas and right to bed. Dinner brought up -  
Jellied Bullion - Broiled Mackerel -  
+ Cucumbers - Parsley Potatoes -  
String Beans - Toast - Raspberries -  
+ Milk +

## Mercury Hits

92 in Boston, N. E. Highest

Boston was the hot spot of New England yesterday, a 92 temperature registered in mid-afternoon being high for the day. There was only moderate humidity, however, and the day was fairly comfortable.

Wednesday, July 26, 1944

Another hot day, and humid. Orange juice - oatmeal - Mackerel - toast - Red Coffee. To the square with Frances. Subway - office - Work all morning. Subscribed to 15 papers - to Guildhall - Out to lunch at 12.30 with Everett Lane. To the Hotel Arverny. Cold Roast Pork - Potato Salad - Lettuce & Tomato Salad. Red coffee - Banana. To Jordan's selected the cretonne for the slip covers - had 17 yards shipped out to J. Erhard Johnson - Got film prints. ~~Bought~~ Bought 10 cans of Moth Packs. Back to the office - Became very warm. Left at 4.45 Rode home with Moody, leaving Ned. Mansfield at Allston. Front Porch. Conversation with Frances, Mary, & Elaine - Cold Beer. Took flashlights - Dinner - Jellied Consommé - Lamb Chop. Baked Potatoes - String Beans - Lettuce Salad. Cream of Tartar Biscuits - Milk. Banana Shortcake - Up stairs and to bed. Same over to the West Window again. John spent the night at Tom Humicwell's at Marblehead.



Wednesday  
26 July '44

Dear Mom + Dad,

Everything goes well here at the new base. The food, quarters etc. are all very good. We have a radio in the barracks and in the evenings all sorts of American programs provide our main source of amusement.

I am still in the process of training and as yet have flown no combat missions.

No mail has reached us here as yet. Expect it will catch up with us in a day or so. Your last letter was dated around the 1<sup>st</sup> of July.

You will no doubt be



St. David Ben  
612 Bomb. 394  
No 557, 50

glad to learn that I will  
wear a heavy suit of  
protective armor ("Ditch Suit")  
during combat flight. It  
really is a neat job and  
has saved a lot of the  
type from serious injury.

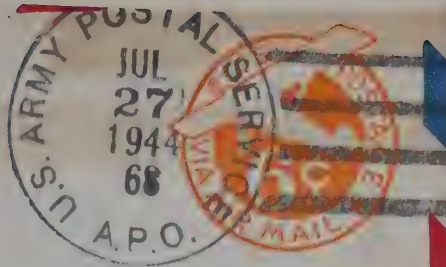
Oh yes, I would appreciate  
it if you can arrange to  
register, and have an absentee  
ballot sent to me for  
the November election.

Keep those letters coming  
Much love to all,  
Dave

0-771886

, 401 Bomb Co.

New York, N.Y.



Mr. & Mrs. Jay R. Benton  
3 Pequossette Rd.  
Belmont, MASS.

Received August 1st 1944





CHARLES FRANCIS SPRAGUE

OFFICE - 130 EASTERN AVENUE

LYNN, MASS.

July 26, 1944

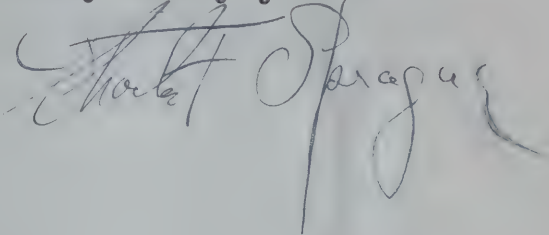
Honorable Jay R. Benton  
160 Congress Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Jay:

The enclosed picture makes me think a little bit of the Knockers' Club and their refrigeration system during lunch.

I am suggesting that we hire a bedroom for our weekly luncheons for I shall come next week with heavy winter underwear and, possibly - a coon skin coat.

Very truly yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles F. Sprague". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Very truly yours".

CFS/HRC  
Enc.



*"Is there any way of turning off the  
air-conditioning? We're supposed to work in a smoke-filled room."*



# LANCASTER FAIR STAGE SHOW

## THE GREATEST EVER ENGAGED

III

The Lancaster Fair to be held in the three days constituting the Labor Day week end will be a standard affair and that is saying much when it concerns this well conducted and growing institution. War restrictions will be felt, it is admitted, yet the society has been able to build up a fine program of attractions and the exhibits should be tops for all times.

Race track followers are assured of good races and the baseball fans are wondering how they will fare. That is one of the problems but Director Carroll Stoughton has been authorized to schedule games if he can get real good baseball teams. He would like to get the Dartmouth varsity here for one team.

The public address system has been so popular that it is now considered an essential. The society was unable to engage the previous system but finally made an agreement with the Royal Amusement Co. of Auburn, Me. and the public address system will be here but at a great expense.

One of the contests that has aroused increasing interest in recent years is the horse pulling contest. Yes, it will be here this year and with the same liberal premiums and classes but the dynamometer method is a war casualty. The horses will pull the tone boat instead.

While the full card of horse races has been announced the officers wish to know as soon as possible whether the farmers have horses they wish to enter in a special race. It means fun and satisfaction and a liberal reward. Let Race Secretary Albert J. Kenney know your plans as soon as possible.

The society has already announced two great attractions to entertain during the day and again under the lights at the night shows. They announce other features which make the open-air stage show the most expensive ever put on by the Lancaster Fair and it is hoped the best.

### The Thunderbirds

The Thunderbirds, a girl and boy, is a high ladder act 110 feet high. They are one of the greatest high acts in America, guarantees the booking agency.

The Thunderbirds are stratosphere performers who will thrill attenders with their daring aerial feats. One of the features of this act is that of fire juggling at a height of 110 feet. This act

has been a feature of leading fairs and they are certain to be a sensation when they appear at Lancaster. They also do holding tricks, trapeze, posing on swaypole and other courageous feats.

### Fortunello and Cirillino

One of the funniest acts on the stage today is the comedy knock-about team of Fortunello and Cirillino.

"It's five laughs a minute from the time they appear until the smaller member of the team is carried off in a gunnysack," says the announcement.

Fortunello and Cirillino have been making audiences from coast to coast laugh at their comedy antics, and a laugh in these days is certainly something to be welcomed.

The only props used in the act are a broom, a flute and a gunnysack, from which Fortunello makes his bow and also his de-

parture.

The team packs a bagful of laughs in addition to some feats of spinning and tumbling. It is a topnotch comedy turn on any bill.

### Bob Fisher's Fearless Flyers

Bob Fisher's Fearless Flyers, a quartet of daring men and women, will appear at the Lancaster Fair, as one of the star attractions.

This group is one of the most talented teams of flying trapeze artists in the circus world today. The most unusual feature of all, not found in any flying act of its kind today, is the fact that one of the catchers is a young lady. This part of a flying act is usually turned over to a strong-shouldered man, but in the Fearless Flyers team, half of the catching is done by a young lady.

Catching in this flying act is divided between a man and young lady and it is a distinct novelty in a turn of this kind. Passing leaps and toe catches, in addition to double somersaults in mid-air, are featured by Bob Fisher's Fearless Flyers.







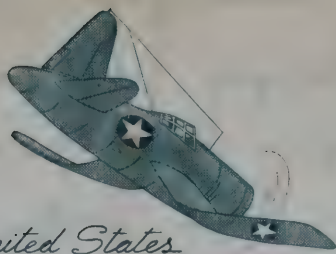
(Official U. S. Navy foto from Acme)

**SHIPBOARD CONFERENCE.** Aboard a Pacific Fleet cruiser in Pearl Harbor, President Roosevelt discusses strategy of coming blows against Japs with Gen. Douglas MacArthur (left) and Admiral Chester W. Nimitz. The President spent three days in Hawaii.

July 26, 1947







United States  
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION  
Cherry Point, NORTH CAROLINA

July 27, 1944

Dear Mother and Dad,

How happy I am tonight over the prospect of being an uncle. I have cheers for David and his wonderful wife! Haven't we been a bunch of good boys. Now all we want is to come back to you, wonderful Mother and Dad. Every thing we've ever done just goes to show how our folks wanted us to be. I'm so happy to be your son.

Every day this past week, our department has been working like slaves to get \$30,000 worth of radio gear crated up for our station overseas. I'm just burned now from being under this Carolina sun every second. I'm harder you work the quicker we'll all come home forevermore so I don't mind it all.

I thank you for all your letters and things. Letters from my folks, family, and you mean the world to me and with the prospect of fighting soon, everyone counts that much more.

Tonorrow our squadron is going on a brovac and it ought to be fun. I've done so much living out of doors that it is second nature to me.

5 the days are very warm, needless to say and don't I wish I were going to Guadalupe with you.

I wouldn't be at all surprised if next summer all of Bentons

5 here bring Cucus complete with yiffes I am embarked for the beautiful country of Kancid Bass. Better yet in practice, Dad. Your marine has another letter to write so I'll call it a day

Love,

Peter







July 27, 1944

Dartmouth College Athletic Council  
Hanover, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

Kindly find enclosed my check for \$7.45  
for two tickets to the Dartmouth-Notre Dame football  
game at Fenway, October 14th, to be mailed to:

Jay R. Benton  
160 Congress Street  
Boston, 10, Mass.

Yours very truly,

*Jay R. Benton*

JRB:BCC  
Enclosure





## Humidity Seen Reduced by Rain

Despite a drop in temperature caused by scattered showers, rising humidity kept Boston uncomfortable today although relief was promised by nightfall.

Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> 1944

Muggy and raining off and on this morning. Before breakfast took my white cord suit up to Benstein's. Orange juice - oatmeal - Lamb chop - Fried egg - Bacon - Toast - Iced Coffee - to the Square with Frances - Another lift for Mrs. Tibby - Subway - office - Making out checks to pay a large list of household bills - Out to lunch at 12.20 with Everett Lane - to the Cafe Rouge in the Hotel Statler. Breaded Chopped Veal Cutlet. Mixed Vegetables - String Beans. Roll - Iced Coffee - Banana - to R.H. Stearns to buy a half dozen Turkish Bath Towels a present for the Hayas, to the First National Bank to get a small check book for Guildhall. Back to the office. Work. Left at 4.45 with Moody - he goes on his vacation tomorrow - Left Ned. Mansfield at Allston - Home. Received David's new address. Hung up the moth Cates in closets - Girls out. Frances - Cooking Split Pea Soup. Cold Meat Plate. Ryebread Milk - Coffee Jelly. John took Mary and Leanne to dinner at Gasties.



Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> 1944

Up at 7.30 and packing suitcase. Orange juice - Corn flakes. Sundfish - Toast - had coffee - to the square with Frances - to Doc Andrews to have filling upper left - first experience with new air drill - Subway - Office - Lunch - at 12.15 - left bus at Jordans - to Childs - Upper Boyleston St. Beef Steak and Vegetable Pie - Cole Slaw - Roll - had Coffee - Party gifts to take down to the Bitners. A Bottle of Gin at S.S. Pierce - 2 Pounds of Candy at Dailey's Bought a night gown for Frances at Filene's - then for an hour and a half trying to find a pair of white sneakers for her. About six stores and as far as Ives Johnson's - finally procured them at Jordans. Back to the office - Left at 4.15 Met Frances at Filene's - Hawley St - Nancy Bitner had brought her in from Belmont - a long wait for Jerry - finally got started at 5 - the long ride to the Cape. Stops for Corn and other vegetables. Plymouth - into Currier's but the place packed. So to the Hotel Pilgrim for dinner - and good - Clam Chowder. Petit Sirloin Steak - Vegetables - on our way again - Arrived at our motel at 9. The Bitners place magnificent - Sat out in the garden until 11.



AT THE BITNER'S - HARWICHPORT - CAPE COD.

JULY 28-29-30-1924





NANCY BITNER . . . one of our popular and charming young smart setters . . . with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence S. Bitner of Chestnut Hill . . . has been vacationing at Daytona Beach, Fla., where they were guests at the Sheraton-Plaza. Nordica Koch Photo



Boston Evening American Photo  
CALIFORNIA-BOUND are Mrs. L. S. Bitner and daughter Nancy (above) of Brookline as they leave South Station for a month of vacationing on the West Coast. They will include the San Francisco World's Fair on their itinerary.

July 28, 1944

Boston Herald  
Subscription Dept.  
80 Mason Street  
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Kindly find enclosed my check for \$6.30 for renewal  
of David Benton's subscription for 3 months -- same to be  
addressed to:

Lt. David Benton  
O-771-886  
612th Bomb. Sqdn.  
401st Bomb. Group  
A.P.O. 557  
c/o Postmaster  
New York, N. Y.

Yours very truly,

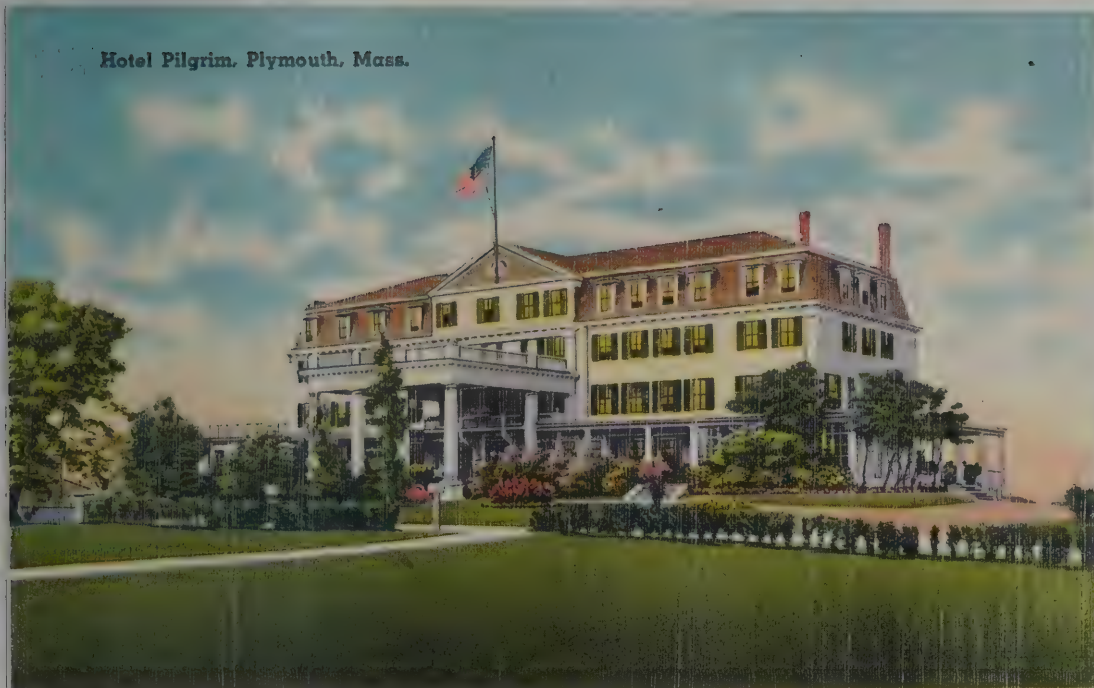
*David R. Benton*

JRB:ECC  
Enclosure





Hotel Pilgrim, Plymouth, Mass.



BEAUTIFUL SUMMER ESTATES and white beaches lie south of the Buzzards Bay entrance to the canal. The railroad "lift" bridge is the first to span the canal here. The Buzzards Bay traffic bridge is next in line.



DINNER - JULY 28 - 1944





**ENTIRE CAPE COD CANAL AT A GLANCE.** This remarkable aerial view shows the whole 13½ miles of the waterway, extending from Buzzards Bay (left foreground) to Cape Cod Bay in the distance. Note the three bridges over the canal—the railroad bridge at Buzzards Bay depot, in the foreground, next the Bourne Bridge and up near the top of the picture the Sagamore Bridge.

(Laurence Lowry, Aerial Photographer)





# HOTEL PILGRIM

PLYMOUTH, MASS.

DINNER

July 28, 1944

6:30 - 8:00

Fruit Cup                      VS Cocktail                      Tomato Juice  
Clam Chowder                      Chicken Broth with Rice

Broiled Swordfish Melted Butter  
Roast Long Island Duckling, apple sauce  
Petit Filet Mignon  
Cold Boiled Lobster, Mayonnaise

Baked Potato                      Parsley Potato  
Green Peas                      Spinach

Salad

Home Made Pies                      Cake                      Pudding  
Ice Cream                      Sherbert

Coffee      Tea      Milk      Buttermilk      Iced Tea or Coffee



LESLIE BUSWELL  
GEN. MGR

MIAMI COLONIAL HOTEL  
MIAMI, FLA.

FORT SUMTER HOTEL  
CHARLESTON, S. C.

PLAZA APARTMENT HOTEL  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

COLONIAL ORANGE COURT HOTEL  
ORLANDO, FLA.





Grist mill at Harwich.

*The Binnacle*

SUNNYSIDE

AYER LANE, HARWICHPORT



*"No, we haven't, Mrs. Walton, but  
how 'bout yo-ho-ho and a bottle of you know what?"*



SANDWICH VILLAGE, Cape Cod's oldest community, settled in 1637, lies south of eastern entrance of the canal.



# GUILDHALL

JUL 29 1944

"Hiya";---

The so called  
"Bank Beaver" has  
made his appearance  
on the Benton  
Meadow.

Joe's company,  
Taylors & Crockers  
have returned from  
whence they came.

Labor trouble at  
Groveton mill, still  
pending.

Judge Stevens on  
the "Stump", stump-  
for Senator.

J.M. Pendrigh hot  
on the Judge of  
Probate job (to be)

Bridge job (paint)  
all done-Green.

"Hen" Archer, weel  
and dry.

Northumberland  
Dunp still burning.

Dance at the "Guild-  
Hall July 28th----  
some liquor-some  
sober.

Minnie Ford still  
remains a ~~vir-~~  
single woman.

"Joe" Benton ketches  
6 $\frac{1}{4}$  in. trout.

John Hodge working  
(with truck) at  
Maidstone Lake.

H. Rowe, our Lion-  
Hearted Constable  
has "Corpulas-  
Peanus"(writ) to  
serve.

Gladys Fogg ex-Post  
Mistress, enjoys  
good health

Goldenrod now in  
full bloom.

President J.G.  
Beattie now ready  
for Fair.

Hot-Muggy-Sticky-  
Rain-more Rain-  
and Hot.(weather)

S.H. Ridgwell will  
be candidate for  
Town Rep.(on sticker

K.E. Hayes & Gladys  
Fogg still in Dog-  
House-does the Moun-  
taineer stop at  
Alder Brook, might  
meet you there---  
don't take this too  
serious.

Received check,  
whats the idea ?  
Ya don't owe me  
something, or maybe  
you want me mad.  
Explain in detail.

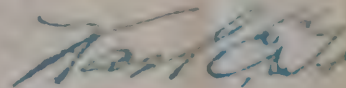
EXTRA--Vida Hubbard  
has a T-P, expects  
to go on the War  
Path (in shorts)

Grace Morse who  
recently purchased  
the Blanche Lonegrer  
cottage, just north  
of the Denton Cott-  
age, states that her  
Petunia (nightshade  
family) is showing  
signs of life.

Josiah and consort,  
are "Breaking Bread  
at Morse's Lodge on  
this date.

K.E. Hayes & wife,  
E.E. Stevens and  
concubine(no, that  
aint right, strike  
it out)his wife, I  
mean, and Gladys  
Fogg, attended the  
40th wedding  
Anniversary (did I  
spell that right?)  
of Mr & Mrs Ray  
Hayes, at Groveton,

Come on around the  
Mountain, we'll  
be waiting for Ya.



These air views of Cape Cod show clearly the entire sweep of the canal as well as some of the towns and famous summer resorts as few visitors ever see them. The Cape Cod Canal, which shortens the water distance between Boston and New York by 70 miles, winds its way for 12 miles through the towns of Sandwich and Bourne. Photos were taken by Benjamin S. Harrison of Monument Beach.

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THE CAPE COD CANAL. In foreground is the Sandwich entrance on Massachusetts Bay. The waters



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## WHERE CAPE COD OFFICIALLY BEGINS



THE CAPE COD CANAL. In foreground is the Sandwich entrance on Massachusetts Bay. The waters of Buzzards Bay are in the distance.



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**DIRECT HIT** is scored by Miss  
christened the new tanker Ohio  
Bethlehem Steel Company. Miss  
of Mr. R. Ogarrio, Vice-President  
Texas Company.



The softest shoes you ever  
are a pretty accent to your  
white they are so cool ever

**Walk-**  
BOSTON

170 TREMONT ST.—OPEN W  
378 WASHINGTON ST.—OPEN



# IR WAY TO RECLAIM FIRST U. S. POSSESSION TAKEN BY JAPANESE



Amphibious tanks heading for the beaches of Guam with the troops who now are hammering their way ahead on the island occupied by the enemy shortly after Pearl Harbor

Aerialist Press Uffordham 1944





The Kelsey Studio

**CAPE COD COVE:** Harbor at Harwichport is ideal for yachtsmen



The Kelsey Studio

Massachusetts' Cape Cod is cleaning and primping for the opening of the summer tourist season. Such spots as Wychmere Harbor, Har-

wichport, is getting ready for the boatsman. The harbor is a landlocked anchorage that is unique among the waterways along Cape Cod's coastline.



Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> 1944 X

Stayed in bed late this morning  
breakfast at 10 scrambled eggs -  
Bacon - Frances, Larry, and I took  
a walk with "Toffer" a white  
Sealham - and stopping in to  
meet the Harold E. Standwoods later.  
Larry and I took a ride to Snow Inn and  
the Hotel Belmont. I see. Sarah and Sanderson  
in the garden. In the afternoon Frances & I went sailing  
in the evening. A large Hamburg Heat Fairhouse  
in the Bithers' garden. Much fun. Came  
Tom Otis and his wife from Hyannis, The  
Standwoods, Mrs. C. Updell, Miss Hughes from next  
door, the Roswell Nyes from Pilgrim Road, the  
Clarks and Jessens from New Jersey to bed  
at 11.

Mary and Jeanne went down to Scituate yesterday  
for another week-end.

A freak electrical storm swept Greater Boston and Massachusetts yesterday with near-hurricane force, claiming three lives and leaving damaged homes and disrupted electric and telephone systems in its wake.

Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> 1944

Strange to say very hot and humid at the  
Cape today. Trolled around all morning  
breakfast in the garden. Stead Roe & Bacon.  
Frances went to church. Larry & I took a long  
walk looking for "Topper" More tolling around.  
Dinner in the Garden - Cold Sliced Turkey &  
Dressing - after Quoted Oysters. Packing  
and left at 4. Ethel driving their large car.  
to town to buy 7 lobsters - a stop at  
Green's Colonial in Hyannis - the Longride  
home - a stop to buy corn, beans, and  
red Bananas - eventually to Mother's -  
and entreated to stop in for a moment  
at the Falks - a party after a christening.  
Larry took us to Cleveland Circle - trans-  
ferred to a taxi - a vicious lightning  
storm breaking overhead. The Paper bag  
spilled - 7 lobsters sprawling all over the  
pavement "Life with Father" - the ride  
to Belmont in the Downpour - to  
home - unpacked and to bed -  
a quick supper, soup and sandwiches  
upstairs -





United States  
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION  
Cherry Point, NORTH CAROLINA

Sunday  
July 30, 1944

Dear Dad and Mother,

I couldn't write for the past few days because we were out on a march. Tomorrow I'll be right back on the job of crating our gear. What a whale of a job it is, too. Every little thing has to be just right and checked over and over again. Tomorrow afternoon we get some sort of shots for overseas duty. My boosters and shoe family soon, besides I won't be with very much for a couple of days. Starting in October I will be getting a \$50 bond every month. I tried to have it start right away but it takes time to adjust my pay. Please



send me James address. Got to  
start right in being a good uncle.  
That Dictionary of Nicky is  
quite the thing.

Have a wonderful time  
in Guildhall. It's about time you  
time elapsed for a few minutes.  
I bet the old House will be  
wonderful when I get home again.  
The water pressure must be  
very fine. It won't be long before  
about 15 Bentons line up on the  
sidewalk for Christmas. It won't  
be long now. I hope I can make  
one more promotion before the war  
ends. It would be wonderful. I  
must write to David and Jim so  
I'll pause till tomorrow.

Love,  
Peter

Your papers and letters are wonderful.  
I'm very lucky.









JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>  
35<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
OF OUR MEETING  
AT  
"BRIERWOOD"  
1909



Monday, July 31st 1944

Today is the 35th Anniversary of our meeting at "Prisoners" in Scituate. Troubled a lot by mosquitoes through last night - Many arrived East from Scituate at 7.30 - U. P. at the regular time - orange juice - oatmeal - scalloped Ham and eggs - Frost - Iced coffee - to the Square with Frances - Subway office - work - out to lunch at 12.30 with Emmett Lane - to the Cafe Rouge in the Hotel Statler - Iced Beef Donillon - Ham & Chicken in Ash's Sauce - Vegetable Salad - Rolls - Iced Coffee - Banana - to Jordan's secured photo prints - then packed for night gown for Frances for an Anniversary present - dumb service - so to Francis - found a pretty one to Woodworth for diary paper for Birchhall. Back to the office - waited until 4.45 - then home all the way on the Car. Frost Pack. Anniversary Celebration - I gave Frances the Ewer - she to me a small bottle of Scotch. A fine dinner. Baked Stuffed Lobster - French Fried Potatoes - Corn and the Cb. - to bed early.





WAR & NAVY  
DEPARTMENTS  
V-MAIL SERVICE

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE \$500

Guildhall,  
Vermont.

David Benton  
A. W. A. C.

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

TO: Mrs. Mrs. Jay R. Benton  
2 Cambridge St.  
Berkman, Mass.

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM

Mr. David Benton 0-71176

614 Bond St., 401 Bond St. C.

1055 7/6 P.M. New York, N.Y.

(Sender's complete address above)

31 July '44

Dear Mom & Dad,

Just back from work yesterday to find  
clean letters waiting for me, the first mail  
to reach me at this base.

Since Tennessee was with you last week  
and, I guess you've heard the great news.  
Isn't it wonderful?! I certainly am thrilled  
and happy. It's pretty certain that I'll  
be back in the States before the big  
contest.

The family pictures were all very  
well. Keep 'em coming in as they come  
an awful lot over here. Tennessee also  
sent me some nice snapshots.

I had my picture taken today by  
the Public Relations department and  
will send you a print in  
a week or so.

All goes well for me; things haven't been  
too tough at all. Much love to all,  
Dave

HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE  
ADDRESS AT TOP?

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David Benton  
AUG. 2. 44.

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

TO:  
Lt. John H. Benton  
3 Pequotette Rd.  
Belmont, MASS.

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM:

St. David Benton 2-2218K  
44 Dumb Leds, Wall Street  
AD 557, 2, P.M. New York, NY

(Sender's complete address above)

31 July '44

Dear Auntie,  
Your very welcome letter received  
yesterday. Swell to hear from you - keep  
it up.

What do you think of Mr. & Mrs. D.  
as prospective parents?! Donigie thrilled  
for me when Thomas's letter with the news  
arrived yesterday.

Army life over here is, and is not,  
like that in the states. All in all, things  
haven't been too rough. I have had a  
lot of great experiences and seen a  
lot of country but, of course, would  
much prefer to be back with my  
Mrs. D. and you all. Guess it won't  
be too long now tho' - not if any of  
us can help it at any rate.

Write again when you can.

Love,  
David

HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE  
ADDRESS AT FOOT?

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ADDRESS AT FOOT?



July 31<sup>st</sup> 1944

Dear Dad,

Could you have some stationery made for me on this sort of paper? It would be perfect for overseas. I'd like a heading at the top as follows; I'd like about 200 sheets.

Sergeant Peter James Barton  
United States Marine

Love,  
Peter







UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

SERGEANT PETER JAMES BENTON





Monday morning

July 31<sup>ST</sup> 1974

Hi Pal -

Can't find a lot of work  
in this house, but I'm for -  
Have found a girl - just Russell.  
Lives down the road here before  
to Morris's cottage. She's 16 -  
all yankies - tall & - looks it.  
But she's an agreeable young girl  
and I think she'll look out  
wonderful - She's anxious to come  
and I told her Monday morning at  
3:30 or 10 o'clock to the store, but if  
you'd like her for her 9:30 -  
let me know & I'll be there.

Only 6 days more!! Yippee.

Jays Card was a flip  
How was your day?

He will never run out of  
ideas.

Seems as if there's an  
unfined lot to talk about  
when you get here - so we'll  
make every minute count  
there.

Mae says you won't need  
to get off at Quebec yet, because  
we'll meet you. Guess that  
puts Karl & me in the dog house  
but you never can tell what will  
happen.

The old school on the Main Street  
isn't there too -

So let us see you -  
Love to all -

Wesley







July 31, 1944

Hon. Earle E. Stevens  
Guildhall, Vermont

Dear Steve:

From now on, hold all my mail for my arrival Sunday, August 6th.  
Good luck to you in the Primaries.

Sincerely yours,

JRB:BCC

*Jay R. Benton*





July 31, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MOODY

When you return from vacation, if it is not too much trouble, will you stop at my house three days a week and bring my second class mail into the office and give it to Everett H. Lane, who in turn will forward it to me at Guildhall, Vermont.

J. R. B.



July 31, 1944

Mr. Charles Richardson  
Guildhall, Vermont

Dear "Tucker":

Mrs. Benton and I are arriving at the  
cottage Sunday, August 6th, so if you could now  
the meadow thereafter it would be fine.

With best regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

*Jay R. Benton*

JRB:BCC





July 31, 1944

Mr. Myron Hopps  
Box 193  
Groveton, N. H.

Dear Mr. Hopps:

As Mrs. Benton and I are arriving at the Cottage next Sunday, August 6th, will you fill the ice box on the first floor the day before. Somebody will be at the cottage.

Yours very truly,

*Jay P. Benton*

JRB:BCC





# Anti-Sour-Puss Club of Syracuse, New York

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
202 WEST WATER ST.  
PHONE 2-3262



July 31, 1944

Dear Friend Jay:

It is again my pleasure to present to you my annual message and ———  
The State of our Club.

## FINANCIAL STATUS

Our esteemed treasurer, Chuck Mills, submits this financial report:

United States War Bond	----	\$100.00	
Balance in Bank	----	219.00	
Jay: Cash position	----	\$319.00	----- and NO DEBTS

## PAST YEAR ACTIVITIES

- 1- Very enjoyable Clam Bake in September. (75 present)
- 2- An excellent Winter Party on Washington's Birthday at Hotel Syracuse. (85 present)
- 3- We raised the money and paid for an Emergency Ambulance which will be presented to the City and County at our Clam Bake. (I thank our members and our many friends who have made this gift possible).
- 4- We sponsored the appearance of the Trapp Family Singers on April 10th and it was voted a highly cultural and fine success.

## ACTIVITIES FOR THIS YEAR

- 1- Annual Clam Bake at Hinerwadel's Grove, August 22nd.
- 2- Presentation of the General Platoff Don Cossack Russian Chorus at Lincoln Auditorium on Thursday, October 5, 1944.

## CLAM BAKE

Our Clam Bake on August 22nd at Hinerwadel's is going to be a full bake including LOBSTER.  
The price of the ticket is — \$5 — and will be limited to seventy-five fellows.

MEMBERSHIP CARD FOR 1945

DUES ARE \$2.00 PER YEAR

If you wish to take in the Bake, and retain your membership, please mail your check for \$7.00 in the self addressed envelope and Chuck Mills will send you your Clam Bake ticket and 1945 membership card.

If you do not wish to take in the Bake - but desire to retain your membership - please mail your check or put 2 bucks in the self addressed envelope and Chuck will see that you get your membership card.

I am

ORZIZZAZZIS

"Nick"

Nicholas M. Peters, Chief



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CUM LAUDE

ALL WE NEED IS MORE "ANTIS"

This is to Certify that

JAY R. BENTON

Is an ACTIVE MEMBER of

Anti-Sour-Puss Club

and has paid his dues to Oct. 1, 1945

CHUCK MILLS  
TREASURER

I. CHASE GLOOM  
CHIEF CHEER DISPENSER U.S.A.  
NICK PETERS  
CHIEF ANTI-SOUR-PUSS

OVER

CUM LAUDE

## Anti-Sour-Puss Clam Bake

HINERWADEL'S GROVE

Fay Road, near North Syracuse

Tuesday Afternoon, August 22nd, 1944

1:00 p. m. Clam Chowder

2:30 p. m. Clam Broth (rejuvenator), Salt Potatoes, Clams on the Half Shell, Refreshments

5:30 p. m. Full Bake with Lobster

No 94

TICKET, \$ 5.00

Member JAY R. BENTON

ANTI-  
SOUR-  
PUSS  
CLUB

ee

Chicken  
Lobster  
Coupon









WELLS BINDERY  
WALTHAM, MASS.  
DEC. 1944



